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Planners delay vote on proposed apartments

Following concerns that the planned building would be too big for a residential neighborhood, a vote is put off until July 26

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The Albany planning and zoning commission postponed a decision about whether to approve a six-unit apartment building on Broadway Avenue following public comments about the size of the project at a recent meeting.

The 7,498-square-foot apartment building would reach as high as 35 feet and 3½ stories to meet city parking requirements by offering 10 mechanized parking lifts.

Building owner and Berkeley resident Ming Lu Kao would raze a duplex that now sits at 1042 Broadway Ave. to build the apartment complex.

There's a concern about how big a building in a residential area, said building architect Y.M. Chung, following the city's meeting. "It's a cozy neighborhood. It's a challenge to try to prove that so people are not scared."

During a nearly three-hour public hearing, about 10 residents told the planning and zoning commission that although it is a city building requirements, the complex was too large for the neighborhood and would draw additional traffic to an area already plagued by traffic accidents and a shortage of parking.

"We are very, very concerned about the structure," said Julie Johnson. "This structure is big, and the scale of the building, the scale of the impact the building will have on the neighborhood."

Seventeen-year-old Michael Klugman said his family didn't want to leave the duplex that now sits on the property.

About seven supporters of the project made comments while others in the audience holding signs reading "We Love the Klugmans."

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DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

READY FOR THE BIG MOMENT

SAMANTHA ROBINSON holds her arms up in triumph during the El Cerrito High School graduation ceremony at the Richmond Convention Center on Saturday.

Positives of fatherhood will be in spotlight

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Vernon Smith still sees his daughter twice a month, though he and his ex-wife Lawanna Johnson separated four years ago.

Johnson is happy Smith still participates in their child's life, but she knows that not all women would feel the same way.

"Sometimes the attitude is 'I don't want him to be involved with them,'" she said. "But you can't do it by yourself, because you're hurting the child. The child wants to spend time with both parents."

That will be the theme this weekend as St. Peter CME Church in El Cerrito celebrates and honors fathers during a ceremony Saturday and a church service on Father's Day. Organized mainly by Johnson, the Saturday event will include three speakers reflecting on how fatherhood has changed their lives and helped their community.

Political leaders including Assemblywoman Loni Han-

FATHER'S DAY

■ **WHAT:** Events celebrating and honoring local fathers

■ **WHERE:** St. Peter CME Church, 5324 Cypress Ave. in El Cerrito

■ **WHEN:** A ceremony at 5 p.m. on Saturday; and a Father's Day presentation at 11 a.m. during the Sunday church service.

■ **DETAILS:** Call 510-233-5559



GREGORY UROUJAGA/STAFF

LAWANNA JOHNSON, with daughter Aunjewlique, 11, has organized a ceremony celebrating fathers at St. Peter CME Church.

cock and Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia are scheduled to attend.

The event is intended to uplift fathers and counteract

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Johnston announces resignation

By Shirley Dang
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — West Contra Costa school district Superintendent Gloria Johnston announced Wednesday that she will leave to become the dean of education at National University in San Diego.

Her resignation from the 33,000-student district, which has an operating budget of nearly \$275 million, will become effective Aug. 15.

"It's a bittersweet moment," Johnston said at Wednesday's school board meeting. "While I'm excited for a new opportunity, I'm also sad to leave a place I've grown so attached to."

Johnston, 60, has served as West Contra Costa superintendent since 1999. Her salary was \$191,000, including a housing and car allowance, said Ruth Vedovelli, an associate superintendent for fiscal services.

Severe budget cuts following a state budget crisis, tense labor discussions and academic improvement marked Johnston's tenure with the district.

When she arrived in 1999, 17 schools scored 500 or below on the state's 1,000-point achievement scale. Today, all schools rise above the 500 mark; 800 is considered excellent.

The district also initiated a sweeping reconstruction of 22 campuses with \$450 million in voter-approved bond issue money. The district also passed a parcel tax last June that managed to keep sports and music afloat.

Johnston took criticism from the community and teachers, particularly on issues of school clo-

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Parents aim to shield teens from recruiters

■ Albany school board is one of a few considering restrictions on Uncle Sam

By Shirley Dang
STAFF WRITER

As bombs continue to explode in the Middle East, and U.S. armed forces search for fresh recruits, one source of young servicemen and women has become increasingly difficult to tap.

Some high schools, emboldened by parents and legislators, are raising their own defenses against the military.

The Albany school board is expected to set restrictions for military recruiters this summer.

The Alameda County Board of Education recently considered a resolution urging parents to keep their children's information from military recruiters. And Castro Valley High School parents are fighting to put Quaker brochures next to Marines pamphlets in the career center.

Resistance to campus recruiting has cropped up around the nation, including in Seattle, where a parent-teacher group voted last month to ban the military from schools.

In the Bay Area, opposition is fueled by news of questionable recruitment tactics as well as anti-war sentiment.

"I don't want the kids I've taught to go to Iraq and get killed for a worthless war," said Albany High teacher David De Hart, organizer of a district committee to limit campus recruiting.

Not all parents or teachers share that view. Kip Biagi, father of a Pinole Valley High School sophomore, said he sees no problem with boots and berets on school grounds if it means replenishing the nation's stock of defenders.

"You need soldiers," Biagi said. "What's going to happen if we run out? Then we'll be in big trouble."

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Grant to help Albany go green

■ Chamber of Commerce aims to inform businesses about recycling programs that can save them money, entice buyers to stay local

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Jorge Sandoval, the owner of Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop on Solano Avenue, has recycled much of the garbage the business has generated since he took it over five years ago.

Today he's considering joining a food-scrap recycling program offered by trash collection company Waste Management. It could decrease his garbage bill by 40 percent.

"I didn't know Waste Management had a program about recycling food itself," Sandoval said. "That's what's new to us."

A recently awarded grant from a county recycling agency is allowing the Albany Chamber of Commerce to inform businesses about programs such as Waste Management's as part of the Green Albany Project, an effort to reduce the amount of waste businesses produce by 80 percent.

Supported by city, regional and national political leaders, the \$43,000 grant will allow the chamber to hire three part-time employees and a consultant to provide the resources businesses need to reach that goal.

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BOB LARSON/STAFF

WALKER'S PIE SHOP owner Jorge Sandoval empties bottles and food scraps into a recycle bin. A new program to encourage businesses to use food scraps could cut his trash bill in half.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Ocean View Elementary principal resigns

The Albany School District will seek a new principal for Ocean View Elementary School following the resignation of Madeleine Hennings this month.

Hennings spent eight years as principal at the school. Prior to that, she was assistant principal at an elementary school in the central coast city of Santa Maria for two years and for 15 years taught at Marin County schools.

She's moving to Florida, where her husband's firm has offered him a job opportunity.

"Albany is really the most wonderful place to work for," said Hennings. "The children at Ocean View — a lot of them are linked to the University of Berkeley, so they're very high-achieving, great kids, with lots of different countries of origin. And the staff is the greatest."

"She was an outstanding instructional leader," said School District Superintendent Willie Wong. "And she developed excellent relationships with staff, parents and students. She's going to be missed."

Following a recruitment period, the district will set up a panel of teachers and parents to interview applicants for Hennings' position, Wong said.

— Alan Lopez

Chamber of Commerce to hold elections

The Albany Chamber of Commerce will hold elections for new board members in July following the resignation this week of chamber board president Sherman Lim.

Into his third year as president of the board, Lim, a regional manager for Mechanics Bank, resigned to spend more time with his family, said chamber director James Carter.

"He only agreed initially to serve one term because of other obligations," Carter said.

Though the board can have up to 16 people, Lim's resignation drops the number of board members to 12. It needs at least nine to make decisions, Carter said.

— Alan Lopez

Community projects to be dedicated

The non-profit Albany Community Foundation will hold dedications for two city projects the weekend of June 25, said Vice Mayor Allan Maris.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 25, the foundation will hold a barbecue and dedicate a \$22,000 landscaping and irrigation project on one block of Key Route Boulevard between Brighton Avenue and Thousand Oaks Boulevard.

The city, the foundation and the Albany Rotary Club supplied money and labor for the two-year project, which included planting new trees and shrubs, new irrigation and a small park. Landscaping will continue at 10 a.m., prior to the dedication.

"We have plans to do — with additional funding — the half block between Brighton and the El Cerrito border and the block between Washington and Portland," said Maris, who also heads the community foundation.

At 11:30 a.m. on June 26, the foundation will dedicate an informational kiosk at Solano Avenue and Curtis Street, built in honor of deceased community activist Dario Meniketti. Meniketti, who died in December 2002, helped found the city's senior center and supported numerous city causes and improvements.

"The purpose is to provide public information on local government meetings as well as local events," said Maris. "And it's a statement of community building and community spirit which was the essence of Dario Meniketti's life in the city."

Albany architect David Arkin and members of the Albany Lions Club constructed the kiosk.

For more information, call Maris at 510-526-7032.

— Alan Lopez

School board supports health curriculum

The Albany school board has approved a resolution supporting a comprehensive health curriculum that includes drug and alcohol prevention education.

Approved Tuesday, the resolution commits the district to implementing a health curriculum it adopted in 1992 but never fully put in place, said School District Superintendent Willie Wong.

In the fall, the district will hold a public meeting to hear from parents, students and teachers about how it can be implemented in all grades.

"Some of the stuff is already there," said Wong of the health curriculum. "It's a matter of what are we missing and what do we want to put in."

Parent Robin Woodland, who chairs the district's drug and alcohol task force, said the resolution also commits the district to implementing drug and alcohol prevention education.

"There is unanimous concern about the epidemic of drug and alcohol abuse in the schools," said School Board member Nadine Ghammach, who worked with the task force to craft the resolution.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

Developer scraps Fairmount Ave. plans

A developer planning to build a four-story development with housing, retail space and a possible library on Fairmount Avenue has dropped its plans and is selling the property, said planning manager Jennifer Carman.

Berkeley-based developer Concrete Action closed escrow on the property at 6420 Fairmount Ave. for \$2.1 million in April 2004, according to county assessor records. Concrete Action had planned to build 24 condominiums, four live-work units, plus up to 28,000 square feet of commercial space, including a potential library.

Though approved by the planning commission, Carman said the developer could not make the project work financially. The owner of Berkeley music store Iphish Violins is looking to buy the property, Carman said.

Concrete Action principal Liz Grossman did not return calls for comment.

— Alan Lopez

Democratic Club schedules meeting

The El Cerrito Democratic Club will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. June 28 at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave.

Ari Wohlfeiler of Critical Resistance and Laura Magnani of the American Friends Service Committee will discuss the state's prison system.

For more information, call 510-527-2194.

— Alan Lopez

Kensington

Committee to discuss events ordinance

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Committee will discuss a revised county events ordinance at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

Drafted by Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, the ordinance may allow Coventry Road resident Danny Scher to legally hold several fund-raising concerts a year in his 300-seat backyard amphitheater.

Kensington committee chair Ray Barraza said he expected the county to release a revised draft of the ordinance a week before the meeting. When he receives it, Barraza said he will place the ordinance online at www.aboutkensington.com.

"I'm sort of hopeful that new draft will be more in tune with the residential neighborhoods, but we'll wait and see," he said.

— Alan Lopez

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, June 6

■ **PLATES STOLEN** — Someone stole the license plates off a 2002 Ford Taurus parked at 555 Pierce St.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 11:30 p.m. officers contacted a 26-year-old Berkeley man near a bar at Washington and San Pablo avenues who was trying to drive a green 1998 Subaru. They arrested him for disorderly conduct.

Tuesday, June 7

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night a 1992 Honda was stolen from the 1200 block of Solano Avenue.

■ **NISSAN RECOVERED** — Officers located a gray 1994 Nissan Sentra in the 500 block of Adams Street that had been reported as stolen from Richmond. The owner was notified.

Wednesday, June 8

■ **DUI** — At 2 a.m. officers stopped a 1981 Datsun 280z in the 1200 block of Marin Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 31-year-old Richmond man for DUI and driving with a suspended license.

Friday, June 10

■ **OPPORTUNISTIC STALKER** — At about 10 a.m. officers received a call from a woman who reported she was being followed and possibly stalked by a white man with long hair and a goatee, driving a blue Chevrolet. Officers stopped the vehicles on Solano Avenue near Ramona Avenue and questioned the man. He claimed he was trying to flag down the woman to try to get a date with her because he was intrigued with her cleavage. The woman did not press charges. A probation search of the man was clear and he voluntarily discarded a marijuana pipe in his possession.

■ **FORD TEMPO STOLEN** — A Berkeley man reported that a 1990 Ford Tempo he borrowed from a friend was stolen from 555 Pierce St.

Saturday, June 11

■ **HONDA CIVIC STOLEN** — At 6:30 a.m. a Hercules woman reported her white 2001 Honda Civic had just been stolen while parked near Buchanan Avenue and Taylor Street.

Sunday, June 12

■ **BIKE RIDER ARREST** — At 9 a.m. officers stopped a man riding a bicycle near San Pablo Avenue and Castro Street for running a red light with a pedestrian in the crosswalk. The Richmond man refused to sign the ticket and was taken to Santa Rita Jail.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Monday, June 6

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A wallet was taken from a 1990 Chevy Camaro in the 1200 block of Rivera Street between 9 p.m. on June 6 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **PURSE STOLEN** — Two men took a woman's purse while she walked on the Ohlone Greenway at Eureka Avenue at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — An air compressor and other tools were taken from El Cerrito Mitsubishi between 5:40 p.m. on June 7 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **PLYMOUTH RECOVERED** — Police recovered a stolen 1993 Plymouth Colt in the 900 block of Avis Drive at 7:20 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8

■ **SUBURBAN STOLEN** — A 1989 Chevy Suburban was taken from the 6600 block of Lagunitas Avenue shortly after midnight.

■ **ACCORD STOLEN** — A 1989 Honda Accord was taken from El Cerrito Plaza between 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 9

■ **PURSE STOLEN** — A purse was

taken from a vehicle in the 7800 block of Eureka Avenue between 11 p.m. on June 9 and 5 a.m. the next day.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — Police unsuccessfully attempted to chase down three juveniles after they were seen entering a home through a window in the 3400 block of Carlson Boulevard at 1:45 p.m. The juveniles ransacked the residence but did not take any property, police said.

■ **VEHICLES VANDALIZED** — Vehicles in a garage in the 800 block of Bates Avenue were ransacked between 8 p.m. on June 9 and 8 a.m. on June 10. There was no loss, police said.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone entered an unlocked vehicle in the 800 block of Bates Avenue between 8 p.m. on June 9 and 8 a.m. the next day, but there was no loss, police said.

Friday, June 10

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A purse and sunglasses were taken from a 2000 Toyota at El Cerrito Plaza shortly after 8 p.m. The right front window was broken.

■ **SPEAKERS TAKEN** — An amplifier and speakers were taken from a vehicle in the 1000 block of Arlington

Activist to speak out on Haitian deportation

By Tom Lochner

STAFF WRITER

Haitians are being deported from the United States even as the State Department declares their country unsafe and advises Americans to stay away.

That's unfair, says Lucie Tondreau, a Florida-based Haitian activist. She wants the United States to let them stay, or at least suspend deportation proceedings just as it does for immigrants from seven other nations.

Tondreau will be in El Cerrito on Saturday to talk about the deportation of Haitian immigrants as part of a presentation on the plight of her native country, in particular as it relates to the women. She will speak at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, which has a sister parish, St. Elizabeth, in Fond-Tortue, Haiti.

St. John also works with a congregation of sisters in Haiti who teach school, work as midwives and nurses and otherwise minister to "the poorest of the poor," said Sister Stella Goodpasture, a Dominican nun who is also a social justice worker at St. John.

The sisters recently had to suspend their work at a clinic in Carrefour, outside the capital, Port-au-Prince.

"Right now the situation is unsafe for everyone," said Goodpasture, who visited Haiti in September. "Even (the sisters) do not feel safe to go outside."

Anarchy has taken hold of Haiti, where heavily armed gangs prowled the streets.

Soldiers loyal to the U.S.-installed prime minister, Gerard La-tortue, have been implicated in

IF YOU GO

■ **WHO:** Haitian human rights activist Lucie Tondreau

■ **WHERE:** St. John's Center, 6500 Gladys Ave., El Cerrito (behind St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave.

■ **WHEN:** 7 p.m. Saturday

■ **COST:** \$5-\$15 sliding scale but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

massacres of followers of Lavalas, the party of former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was whisked out of the country by the United States in the course of a coup d'état in February 2004.

The U.S. State Department recently told American citizens to leave Haiti.

Tondreau wants the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a branch of the Department of Homeland Security, to grant Haiti Temporary Protected Status (TPS) as it does for seven other countries.

Natives of those countries — Burundi, El Salvador, Honduras, Liberia, Nicaragua, Somalia, Sudan — are deemed "temporarily unable to safely return to their home country because of ongoing armed conflict, the temporary effects of an environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions."

"Haiti does not meet the parameters set by Congress" to qualify for TPS status, said Joanna Gonzalez, a spokeswoman for the Department of Homeland security.



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Pondering history's unsolved mysteries

TOW THAT we finally know who Deep Throat was, how about answers to some other historical who-what-why's? They've fascinated me since I was little. I've never quite believed the official version because history is usually written by the winners.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

So if I had a time machine, I'd go back to solve a few mysteries I'd go back to solve: Who killed the little princes in the Tower?

In 1483, 12-year-old King Edward VI of England and his 10-year-old brother were clapped in the Tower of London by their uncle, Richard III, and never seen again.

Over hundreds years later, when at the Tower discovered their bodies. They had been murdered.

Everyone blames Richard, some historians think he was a good guy who was murdered posthumously by that villain artist, William Shakespeare. (The real Richard didn't have a hunch back, no Shakespeare says.)

At the point the finger at Henry VIII, the man who overthrew Edward. He had as much to gain from the princes' deaths as Edward did.

Who wrote his plays, anyone? Some people have a hard time believing that a country boy who never made it past school could write "Hamlet," "The Tempest" and "King Lear."

They say Shakespeare, whom contemporaries call "the swiftest man," was just a front man. Among the names: Christopher Marlowe, John Bacon — even Queen Elizabeth I.

Probably the most popular candidate has been Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford.

His partisans call themselves "Oxfamians," as opposed to "Shakespeareans," dubbed Stratfordians. Personally, I think Shakespeare probably wrote his own plays. After all, Lincoln had little talent, and he wrote some of the greatest speeches in the English language.

What did the Pope say to Attila the year 452 Attila the "Scourge of God," with his army before the walls of Rome. There was nothing to stop them from sacking Rome.

On the gates opened, and came Pope Leo I. Nobody knows what they said about. Did the Pope ap-

peal to Attila's conscience? Did he threaten him with fire and brimstone? Did he offer him a bribe? Whatever he said, it worked. Attila turned his horses around and left, never to return.

What did Joan of Arc say to the Dauphin?

In 1429 an illiterate 16-year-old peasant girl showed up at the court of the Dauphin, heir to the throne of France, and told him she'd drive out the English invaders and crown him king.

Hilarious laughter all around, but she pulled the Dauphin aside and whispered something in his ear — whereupon he promptly handed her command of his army.

Amazingly, she succeeded. The English were defeated, the Dauphin was crowned, and everyone lived happily ever after.

Except Joan. She was betrayed and handed over to the English, who burned her at the stake. The Dauphin didn't lift a finger to save her. That's gratitude for you.

Who mutilated the herms? On the morning of June 7, 415 B.C., the people of Athens woke up to discover that all the statues of Hermes, called herms, had been obscenely disfigured.

Since Hermes was the god of travelers, the message was clear: The planned military expedition against Syracuse, scheduled to depart that very afternoon, should be called off.

For political reasons, the finger was pointed at the general in charge, Alcibiades, who was probably innocent.

The expedition sailed anyway, but Alcibiades knew that when he got back he'd be tried for treason, win or lose. So he defected to the enemy at the first opportunity, with fatal results for the expedition.

It was the turning point in the Peloponnesian War, which ended in Athens' utter defeat.

I'd also like to know who was behind the Kennedy, King, Malcolm X and Lincoln assassinations, what happened to Jimmy Hoffa and Amelia Earhart, who was "You're So Vain" really about, and what the French see in Jerry Lewis.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cc-times.com.

OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

As a 1-year-old female dachshund mix. She is a beautiful, black and tan busybody with lots of personality. Gia is playful and spunky and loves to go for walks but is quite a good girl too. She would love to find a family with older kids or an individual who wants a fun and playful companion. If you have more information or would like to meet Gia or other dogs, contact the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society, or stop by the shelter.

BERKELEY — The following dogs may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society:

Age: 5-month-old female Golden Retriever Mix golden; 1-year-old female Terrier/Lab mix black; 2-year-old male Chihuahua tan; 10-month-old Aussie/spaniel mix black; 10-month-old male pit bull mix tan; 6-month-old female Bull Terrier/Lab mix white; 4-year-old female DSH tabby; 3-year-old female DSH mix brown; 5-year-old female DSH Tortie; 5-year-old DSH dilute tortoiseshell; 3-year-old female DSH brown; 3-year-old male DSH orange and white; 1-year-old female DSH black; 5-year-old female DSH white; 4-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 8-year-old female DSH Tortie; 1-year-old male DSH black; 3-year-old male DSH tortoiseshell; 3-year-old male DSH Lynx point; 2-year-old male DSH black and white; 3-year-old female DSH black; 3-year-old male DSH orange

tabby; also kittens of various ages, sizes and colors. (DLH is domestic longhair and DSH is domestic shorthair.)

Adoption fee: cats \$100; dogs \$125 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Details: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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FACES & PLACES

Garden contest winners named

Winners of the Sundar Shadi Garden Contest will be honored at the El Cerrito City Council Meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the El Cerrito Garden Club, the contest was begun in 1996 when the late Sundar Shadi made a cash grant to the club. Shadi, well known for decades of garden displays at his El Cerrito hillside home, asked that the garden club use it to beautify El Cerrito.

The goal of the contest is to encourage property owners to create attractive gardens, visible from the street, for the enjoyment of all who pass by.

This year's winners are: best small garden — Conrad Webb, 220 Carmel Ave.; second place small garden — Arlene Scarbrough, 304 Sea View Drive; best medium-size garden — Jane Tegg, 1229 Scott St.; second place medium-size garden — June Ekenberg/Joy Kinnison, 627 Norvell St.; best large garden — David Miller/Sandra Oliver, 5702 Barrett Ave.; second place large garden — Shirley Lien, 6800 Portola Drive; special award for most innovative garden (\$100 prize) — Edna Roberts, 1703 Lexington Ave.

Winners will receive certificates from the El Cerrito Garden Club and gift certificates from the Adachi Garden Center, Annie's Annuals, Berkeley Horticultural Nursery, East Bay Nursery, Flowerland, Magic Gardens and Pacific Horticulture magazine. There will be a photographic display of the winning gardens at the council meeting.

meeting.

— Craig Lazzeretti

The Kensington Hilltop School Dad's Club recently held its annual year-end dinner at the Kensington Bistro to honor its outgoing officers. Dad's Club officers for the 2004-05 school year were Larry Polito, president; Paul Normington and Jim Thomsen, co-vice presidents; Mike Barry, treasurer; Stephen Godfrey, secretary; and Rodney Dunican, marketing and outreach.

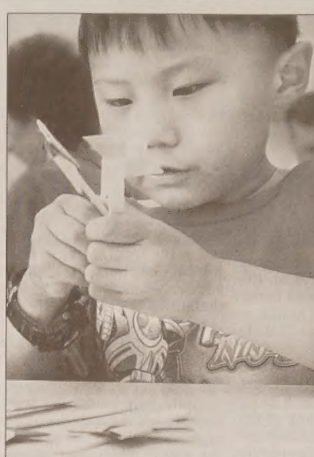
— Craig Lazzeretti

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce will hold its next business luncheon at noon June 28 at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd.

The chamber will honor chamber board member Tracy Giles, chamber board President Lisa Cain and Vice President Bonnie Whittier for planning the recent Taste of El Cerrito event. The chamber will also honor a number of businesses for their participation.

The businesses include Carrows, Fatapples, Katana-Ya Ramen, Jenny K., Romano's Macaroni Grill, Mangia Mangia, Pasta Pomodoro, Strings Italian Cafe, Trader Joe's, Uncle Wong's, the Well Grounded Coffee and Tea Bar, Yokohama, the Kensington Bistro and Giovanni's Market.

The May 22 Taste event raised approximately \$11,000 for the chamber plus \$2,500 for



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

a scholarship the chamber is establishing to send an El Cerrito High School student to business school.

For more information, call 510-233-7040.

— Alan Lopez

This summer, the El Cerrito recreation department is offering day and residential camps, sports, music, art and swimming for children ages 22 months to 17 years. Check out the city's recreation brochure, go online at www.el-cerrito.org or call 510-559-7000 for more information.

— Alan Lopez

Kol Hadash, a Jewish Humanistic congregation, is holding a free family picnic and barbecue on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Ter-

LITTLE NINJA ALEC KONG, 4, of San Pablo, works on his Ninja star on a sticks at the Albany Library on June 11. The origami class was taught by artist teacher and storyteller Margo Weckslar.

— Alan Lopez

Zra-Reet shows different side of Muslim women

"Zra-Reet!" is the name of Khadijah Chadly's documentary film that will be shown at the Albany Library on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Zra-Reet! is a sound of ululation that Moroccan women make in excitement or for entertainment. And in this documentary we hear them use it for both purposes.



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

Chadly's Moroccan-born husband, Yassir, appears in the documentary, translating the remarks of the women — part of his extended family — whose oral histories are portrayed. Chadly made the film to show that Muslim women are treated differently in different Middle Eastern countries. And the message is loud and clear in Zra-Reet! Here the women are free to dress as they like, although most of them do wear the scarves to cover their heads. They delight in color, and there are no restrictions. Also, they do interact with men, although they were not used to talking about marriage and children in mixed company, so having Yassir present during the telling of their stories was a titillating experience.

Watching their uninhibited pleasure in recalling the events of their lives shatters the picture many of us carry of Muslim women. One of them delights in telling of how she happened to marry a man many, many years older than her, a story that makes them all laugh heartily. It is a happy sound, an emotion we rarely think of when we consider the lot of Muslim women in the Middle East.

Chadly, an American born in New York, of Jewish parents, has embraced Islam since marrying Yassir. Her father escaped from Nazi Germany in 1936, and her mother was born in Harlem when it was a Jewish "ghetto." The family moved to

New Jersey when she was a young child, and she went to school there, coming to California, by herself, at the age of 15.

She lived in the Haight in San Francisco, supporting herself by baby-sitting for wealthy people. After a few years she traveled all over Europe, teaching English for a while in each country to support herself and make money to continue traveling. With a friend, she drove to India and surrounding areas such as Afghanistan. They visited the Dali Lama and studied Buddhism. It was upon her return to this country that she met Yassir in a flea market in Berkeley.

She says she had only known him for a few hours when something within her said, "You are going to marry him." "He felt the same thing," she says, and they married within two weeks.

They made their home in Albany, and have three sons and one grandson. Yassir is the Imam of their mosque, a musician and an associate professor in graduate studies at the California Institute for Integral Studies in San Francisco. He also is an associate professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, where he teaches Islam and Sufism, a mystical side of Islam.

Khadijah stayed home with her children and made and sold Islamic pottery, until she became interested in the mak-

ing of the documentary. She has found she really enjoyed editing the work, and hopes to be able to work as a editor for other filmmakers.

The Albany Library screening is free. It is the first showing of her work, and she is very excited about it. The library is at 1247 Marin Ave. in

Albany. Call the library at 510-526-3720 for more details.

Tips on people who are doing interesting things in Albany, El Cerrito or Kensington? Let Clara-Rae Genser know at 510-525-4585 or crgenser@sbc-global.net.

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Deep analysis of children's picture books

Quote of the week:

"Indeed, in its sum, this book is not only a book about books, but a book that calls us to books, that reminds us of their singular aesthetic power, their moral energy, their ability to reach us mind, heart, soul, to tell us about the world..."

— Robert Coles, Foreword to "Inside Picture Books"

One of the classes I'm taking this semester is on children's literature, for ages 0 to 6 — although I admit I'm not clear on what it means to be zero. Every week we will be reading children's books and professional resources on the importance of children's literature. One of these books is Ellen Handler Spitz's "Inside Picture Books," which provides one person's deeply considered opinions of the value of picture books in general, as well as in-depth analyses of many of the books we might see as classics.

Her goal, she says in her introduction, is to "set down reflections that are meant to be helpful in choosing, introducing, rendering and interpreting cultural objects for young children" (Page 2).

I have read many picture books in my life, starting when



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

I read to my youngest brother and then on through the childhoods of my own children. In fact, this past week when I picked up our tattered, stained and possibly chewed copy of "Peter Rabbit," I was surprised to see my brother's name written in the front, alongside the words "Christmas 1961." And I suddenly remembered having that little boy in my lap and turning the shiny pages as I read to him. It was such a strong feeling, as if I were 12 again and he was 2.

Spitz tells numerous anecdotes like this about the power of these books in our past and the way in which their stories can affect our perceptions of the world. This idea was reinforced for me again last week when I attended a graduation party. Looking for some common ground, I brought up the subject of picture books. A discussion about Lucretia Hale's

"The Peterkin Papers" (original copyright 1886) immediately ensued, and the two people who remembered it laughed and told some of the stories from it as if they had just read it — despite the fact that it has probably been at least 60 years since they did.

And so, I agree there is power in these childhood stories. And while I may not subscribe to some of the in-depth psychological analysis that Spitz uses as she talks about such books as Sendak's "In the Night Kitchen" or Hoban's "Bedtime for Frances," I can see that being aware of the influence of a child's picture book is important. And a comment she makes as she talks about the recurring theme of windows in children's books — that a window can only keep out what is real, not what is unreal — reminded me of lying in bed at night as a child and wanting the curtains open. I remember thinking that if I could see the darkness, I could make sure there was nothing out there to get me.

Spitz also talks about the issues of race, gender and ethnicity, and how they are represented in the books we read to our children.

Certainly there has been

And I suddenly remembered having that little boy in my lap and turning the shiny pages as I read to him. It was such a strong feeling, as if I were 12 again and he was 2.

much progress since the days when I read to my brother — there are more books with characters from many cultures.

Some authors avoid this issue by using animals, and Spitz makes a wonderful point about this. Citing an article by anthropologist Judith Goldstein, she wonders about the assumption that somehow children can identify with various animals but not with people who don't look exactly like them. Now, there is an excellent question.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Children of all ages are invited to take a trip to the land of Calora this summer by playing the Alameda County Library summer reading game, "Search for Dragonfire." The game will be available at the Albany Library beginning Monday and continuing through Aug. 20.

Children can pick up their game board at the Albany Library. The game board shows the path that Dorella the Dragon must take in her search for firestones in the land of Calora. Reading is the method used to help Dorella on her journey along a path full of snakes, spiders and bats. Each 30-minute period of reading entitles an adventurer to one spin of the special spinner. Readers who reach the first prize square on the path receive a pizza certificate from Round Table, a coupon for one free game at Albany Bowl, a summer reading game certificate, a dragon bookmark and a temporary tattoo.

The game is open to all ages. Children not yet reading on their own may count time listening to others read.

For more information on the summer reading game, library open hours and special events, please call the branch directly at 510-526-3720 or visit the Web site at www.aclibrary.org.

The Albany Library is located at 1247 Main St.

The Alameda County Teen Summer Reading Program. The program is open to teens from Monday to August 1st. Teens can sign up and receive a Reading Log at any of the County Library branches including Albany. Teens who complete their Reading Log in addition to books, newspapers, magazines, as well as reading to siblings or grandparents will receive prizes as they reach a number of hours spent with those reading. Teens receiving a free day pass America.

The San Francisco Fiddlers will perform at the Albany Library on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The group consists of musicians who love their love of Celtic music and form contemporary traditional tunes. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20 or jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org.

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By Ellen Lee
STAFF WRITER

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traditional advertise-

ment by the Organic Trade
Association, the five-minute clip
was filmed primarily in El
Cerrito, a cucumber as Cuke
Solo, "Princess Lettuce," in
a Chewbacca hair bun, "Chew-
bacca" and "Lord Vader," a
black hood described
as a chemical than veg-
etables. They engage in campy
dialogue as they encourage con-

sumers to buy organic foods and
join in the "Organic Rebellion."

"The market has been taken
over by the dark side of the farm,"
Obi Wan Cannoli tells Cuke Sky-
walker. "The Empire... has ruth-
lessly conquered the market,
nearly wiping out our organic
earth with short-sighted practices
like genetic engineering, radiation
and massive pesticide use."

The Organic Trade Associa-
tion, which declined to disclose
the cost of the Store Wars video,
said it decided to try viral mar-
keting to reach a wide audience,
particularly young consumers.
The campaign, launched 10 days
before the release of "Star Wars:
Revenge of the Sith," has in-
creased traffic to its site,
www.ota.com, including its di-
rectory of places to buy organic
products, and far surpassed its
aim to reach 1 million consumers
in two months.

"It's really to educate con-
sumers and to promote the use
of organic products," said Bar-
bara Haumann, a spokeswoman
for the Organic Trade Associa-
tion. "People are having fun with
this. It's not to be taken literally
or seriously."

Not everyone has embraced
the group's message, however. "I
think it's clever, but I'm disap-
pointed because it is so blatantly
self-promoting and factually
wrong," said Christine Bruhn, di-

rector of the Center for Con-
sumer Research at UC Davis.

"There are many who believe to
be sustainable you need to use
some of these newer techniques
like genetic engineering, which
lets you produce with less pesti-
cide use (and is) more environ-
mentally friendly."

Free Range Graphics produced
the film, shooting most of it on lo-
cation at the El Cerrito Natural
Grocery Co., a co-union of Berke-
ley Natural Grocery on Gilman
Street. For four days in late
March, a small film crew arrived
just before the employee-owned
grocery store closed, and shot for
12 hours until the store reopened
the next day. Louis Fox, co-
founder of Free Range, created
the puppets with string and cre-
ative costuming, turning a head
of lettuce and two doughnuts into
Princess Lettuce, a slice of ham
into Ham Solo, a head of broccoli
into Chewbroccoli, and a small
piece of tofu into Tofu D2.

"We used a couple of vegeta-
bles for most of (the characters)
because they would get rotten,"
Fox said. "There were two Ham
Solos. By the end of the last day,
there was orange slime on him."

It took about two months for
Free Range Graphics, a Wash-
ington, D.C.-based studio focus-
ing on online advocacy ads, to
produce the script and film the
sequence. The crew also shot a

DETAILS

Find the video online at
www.storewars.org.

salad bar scene at the Harvest Ur-
ban Market in San Francisco.
Light sabers and other visual and
sound effects were added digi-
tally.

"Store Wars" is certainly not the
first to take advantage of the con-
tagious nature of the Internet. Last
year, brothers Gregg and Evan
Spiridellis of JibJab Media re-
leased the presidential election
parody "This Land," which be-
came a national sensation. Busi-
nesses hoping to connect with
consumers are catching on. Last
month, Anheuser-Busch hired Jib-
Jab to build the same sort of on-
line buzz for Budweiser.

Last year, Microsoft sold 2.4
million copies of the video game
"Halo 2," amassing \$125 million
on its first day, in part through
an Internet-based game called "I
Love Bees." Burger King has ag-
gressively sought an online pres-
ence through its "Subservient
Chicken," where a person
dressed as a chicken responds to
typed commands, and, most re-
cently, its Star Wars tie-in, "Sith
Sense," where Darth Vader reads
the user's mind by posing a se-
ries of questions.

But the Web effect poses risks,



too, with the potential to gener-
ate just as much negative pub-
licity in the same short amount
of time. Kryptonite, the maker of
the popular U-shaped bike lock,
unexpectedly discovered this late
last year after a New York City
bicyclist posted on his blog, or
online diary, a homemade video
demonstrating how he picked his
lock with a Bic pen in about 20
seconds. The news created an
online firestorm and put the pop-
ular, longtime bike lock maker
on the defensive.

Run an Internet search for
United Airlines, and one of the
top results is a popular Web site
called "Untied," documenting
complaints and problems with

the airline. And Mazda did not
endear itself to consumers after
it launched a fake blog to talk
about its new Mazda 3.

"You have no control," said
Max Kalehoff, director of mar-
keting for Buzzmetrics, a re-
search and consulting firm fo-
cusing on word of mouth
marketing. "It can be effective,
sometimes, sometimes not."

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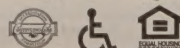
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without a government, I should not hesitate to
prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Restrict recruiters' access to students

MOST PEOPLE support the troops in Iraq, but they don't necessarily feel the same way about military recruiters on their high school campuses. As reported in today's Journal, the Albany school board is expected to set restrictions on recruiting this summer. And it is far from alone in expressing reservations about the military's efforts to use our schools to shore up its ranks. The Alameda County Board of Education recently considered a resolution urging parents to keep their children's information from recruiters. The Berkeley school district requires parents to sign a form before it releases student information to the military, and it bans all recruiters from its campuses.

It may strike some as unpatriotic for Albany and other districts to interfere with the military's attempt to increase its troop levels at a time when the nation is at war and our forces are stretched thin. After all, the best way to support our troops in Iraq is to get more men and women into uniform to alleviate the enormous burdens they face.

Nevertheless, we believe the actions of Albany and other districts in trying to restrict the role of military recruiters is not only understandable but commendable. This is not an issue of trying to dissuade our young men and women from military service or opposing the war in Iraq. Rather, it is an issue of ensuring that teenagers, many of whom cannot yet vote, have a clear and accurate picture of the risks and rewards of military service — and the situation in Iraq — before making such a critical decision. Regrettably, there is little reason to believe that will be the case if military recruiters are allowed unfettered access to high school students.

An Albany committee formed to limit campus recruiting claims that recruiters often glorify the perks of military service while downplaying the hazards. The Army insists this is not true, but given the Bush administration's track record in portraying the situation in Iraq, it is easy to see how teenagers could be misled about the dangers they may face should they sign up.

Vice President Dick Cheney recently said the Iraqi insurgency seems to be in its "last throes," despite the fact the violence continues unabated and many military officers see no end in sight. In May, 67 U.S. soldiers and Marines were killed by hostile fire, the fourth-highest tally since the war began, according to the Iraq Coalition Casualty Count, an Internet site that uses official casualty reports. Since Iraq's interim government took power April 28, more than 700 Iraqis have been killed.

With the armed forces under intense pressure to meet their recruiting goals, it is not difficult to imagine a recruiter picking up on the vice president's statement and leaving the impression that the worst is behind us in Iraq. While we all hope that Cheney's assessment is far more accurate than his guarantee before the war that U.S. forces would be greeted as liberators, the current reality suggests otherwise.

A provision in the federal No Child Left Behind Act requires districts, at the risk of losing federal funding, to provide student information to the military unless parents opt out. It should be the other way around. Parents should have to opt in, as they do in Berkeley. Because of this provision, the districts in most need of federal money will continue to grant the military the most latitude in recruiting their students. These are also districts that tend to serve low-income people, who traditionally are more receptive to joining the military. The West Contra Costa district, which includes El Cerrito High School, has agreed to comply with the provision.

The military has a right to be granted access to those who express a real interest in serving their country, but we believe that access should be carefully monitored so that parents and schools know exactly what teens are being told. Teens should be encouraged to read independent news reports about the situation in Iraq and in the armed forces in general before making final decisions. Parents and teachers should be encouraged to take part in recruiting visits.

The bottom line is that these young men and women should be under no illusions when deciding to commit themselves to military service. Our schools can and should play a valuable role toward that end.

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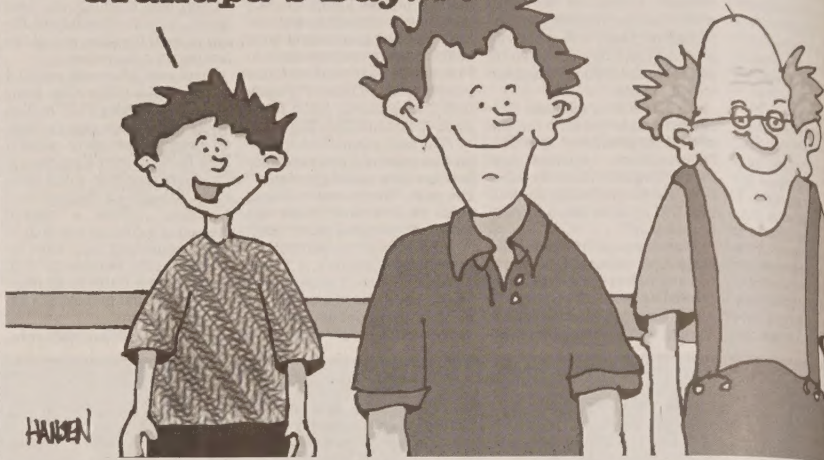
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HAPPY FATHERS DAY, FATHERS

I guess it's also sorta
Grandpa's Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Outstanding program to treat autism

As parents of a child with autism, we appreciate recent media attention to this profoundly devastating disability.

Currently, the only treatment is early recognition and educational intervention, which is highly specialized, intensive and expensive, involving high staff-to-student ratios. For the future of our school districts and society, we hope a cure can be found.

By law, all school districts are required to provide special education services, but not all districts have done it so pro-actively and with such commitment as the West Contra Costa school district.

We commend school district Superintendent Gloria Johnston, the school board members and special education director Steve Collins for assembling and supporting an outstanding program to treat autism.

The dedication of the teachers and staff who provide these services is remarkable. Our son has been fortunate to attend Kathy Small's program at Downer Elementary and Jaemin Lee's program at Sheldon Elementary. Due to these programs, our son has made improvements we hadn't imagined possible.

Sadly, each year more and more children are diagnosed and our district struggles to keep up with the demand. We hope for a cure because this burden is too great for children, parents and school districts to bear.

Susan Riggie
John Waterson
El Cerrito

Supreme Court made a mistake

The Supreme Court decision on medical marijuana is one more example of how our country has become a nanny state.

Instead of asking the logical question: "Is someone harmed by a person in pain using something to make their life easier?", they base their conclusion on an assumption that there is a danger of illegal drug trafficking by persons who grow their own marijuana.

It has been said that an assumption is the first step in making a mistake. The Supreme Court just made one.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Send in exemption

Seniors on fixed incomes, you have the opportunity to help yourself.

Seniors, as a group, are used in order to exploit sadness, happiness, blame, scorn, etc., as the media, politicians or whoever feels the need to spin a story.

At times, seniors are classed as living in squalor, destitute, on the verge of becoming homeless, of having no medical care, no income, etc. ... sad, sad!

On the flip side, again as the need arises, we are blamed for being miserly, out of touch and not sharing our hoarded wealth and property, taking too many trips, playing golf, and overdoing the "golden years."

What is it to be? You make the choice. You have until July 10 to submit your Senior Citizen Parcel Tax Exemption application from Proposition B (school bond). Forms have been mailed to those who qualified last year. I recall many of us were in line at the school district office getting exemption forms.

You can get forms at West Contra Costa Unified School District, Office of Fiscal Services, 1108 Bissell Ave., at 11th Street, in Richmond or phone 510-620-2009.

And when you vote, consider the validity of any new taxes. Can you afford them? School bond measures are an unfair form of taxation.

Next year, I will again remind you of the exemption.

Raymond Tate
El Cerrito

What about the homeless?

I was dismayed to read in the June 3 Journal article, "Culture at bulb poses hurdle," that dogs running free will be better tolerated there than homeless people with nowhere else to go.

Do dogs in Albany really have more rights than people? And isn't some of the art that's so prized there created by homeless artists?

If we're going to evict homeless people from encampments on the bulb, where in Albany are we offering them shelter?

Mary Rees
Albany

Preventing youth violence

The key to preventing black on black violence (and all other youth-related violence) is to provide hope to these young individuals. All in the community can play a part in doing this.

As a new teacher in the West Contra Costa school district, I remember those students (black included) who appeared in my classroom after being released from the juvenile penal system. I did my best to help them, but as a new teacher, my best was far from good enough.

I request that school administrators do their best to make sure these high-risk students get the best experienced teachers possible. I also ask that parents not give up on these kids, as some of those whom I had met with had sadly done.

Finally, the community should support vocational technical programs. Not all kids will go to a four-year college. My siblings did not, and they are doing very well, thanks to the trades. I still remember the student who would not do his homework but who did teach me how to repair my damaged classroom.

Let's work together on this tragic problem.

Giorgio Cosentino
Albany

Fill out a living will

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

Letters to the editor and op-ed pieces reflect the opinion of the writer and must include the author's first and last name, address and daytime phone number. All letters are subject to verification. Maximum letter length is 300 words. Maximum op-ed length is 450 words.

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Most people would agree that life is a miracle, a tremendous challenge, a wonderful package of surprises and pleasures.

Sadly, life can present the flip side of undue suffering. At this point, we wonder why we should continue this crazy adventure when, for example, have been medically diagnosed as terminally ill or in a vegetative state that cannot be reversed. No more tears, avos!

So, let's all fill out a living will. In California, it's called an Advance Health Directive, wherein we express our wishes and name trusted relatives or friends to speak on our behalf if we are unable to speak for ourselves.

Beyond the Advance Directive, coming to believe that in some (but numerous) cases, doctor-assisted suicide could be a humane option. Though rounding issues are complex legally, ethically and ethically, I'm hoping that legislation will someday be an alternative humane act to end untenable pain and suffering.

Death is inevitable for each of us. Why taint the miracle with prolonged, miserable endings?

Claire J. B.

Join the fight in Iraq

I am amused, in a dark sense, by who write in support of the invasion and occupation of Iraq that are currying under the current administration.

The supporters cry and moan that the communist, anti-war liberals aren't true Americans.

I have a sincere question for the mongers. What are you doing except the comfort of your computer? Pick up your weapon, jump on a plane, Baghdad, and join the bloodthirsty goes for any Iraq war supporter.

And don't bellyache to me with excuses such as, "I'm too old" or "I'm disabled." The Bush regime has made clear they will put grandpas on the lines if she will sign up.

You still support this murderous invasion? Put your money where your mouth is and strap on that uniform. I expect next letter to the editor to be from dad. Otherwise, knock off your war.

Jeany T.

Jackson not innocent

Robert Blake, O.J. Simpson and Michael Jackson. Money talks, rather, walks!

There was absolutely no doubt in my mind that Jackson would be innocent just as there is no doubt in my mind he is as guilty as sin, as are Blake and O.J.

But the justice system says he is not guilty. However, the verdict does mean they are, in fact, innocent. There is a big difference between "not guilty" and being found "innocent of all charges."

The verdict means the prosecution did not prove his case to a certain degree. Members did their job; the prosecution didn't.

To my dying day, I will believe Michael Jackson is a pedophile.

Bob C.

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

FUTURE: More than 50 grads from the class of 2005 and previous years will be applying the skills learned at TechFutures in well-paying jobs and jobs over the years. TechFutures is a two-year program whose mission is to prepare high school youth in industries in high-paying jobs in industries. In January 2000 at ECHS, the program now has programs at El Cerrito, Kennedy and El Cerrito. Kennedy and El Cerrito High School have been awarded an internship year-long program with WLC Architects in applying its 3D Studio software. Lawrence Ma (ECHS '05) was awarded an internship year-long program with the Neurobiology lab at UC Davis. Kit San Chung (ECHS '05) will be back at Intel, this time as a design engineer. Sherry Black (ECHS '03) is now a veteran at Autodesk, maintaining a database and web applications.

AWARDS HONORED: On June 4, 2005 students were honored at the 2005 TechFutures graduation ceremony in Web design, database development, and their participation in completing their commitment to the rigorous program. All graduates are going to college. Completing a major award were: Chris Barroso, Kevin Tsai, Stacy Chiang, Connie Christman, Fabian Man, and Sherry Black. Christine Barroso was the major award winner for the major award.

New York City, where their accomplishments will be celebrated. Do something will only accept online applications for the program, and will not accept nomination applications (applicants must apply on their own behalf). For complete program information and application procedures, see the Do Something Web site at <http://tconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/2626/brick>.

ADULT GUIDE: The California State Bar Association has just updated its excellent guide for teenagers as they become adults in the eyes of the law. Question-and-answer style discussions cover surfing the Internet, voting, drugs, driving, moving out, credit, marriage and partnership, sex, working and taxes, crimes and consequences, civil law and lawsuits, money matters and a myriad of other rules and responsibilities affecting teens who have entered adulthood. Titled "When You Become 18, A Survival Guide For Teenagers", the guide is available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Korean. Copies can be ordered by calling toll free 1-888-875-5297 or e-mailing your mailing address and name to 18@calbar.ca.gov. The publication is also available on the home page of the Bar Association (www.calbar.ca.gov). Click on Public Services in the upper left, and then on Consumer Information in the left menu. The State Bar's Web site also includes a consumer guide for younger youth titled "Kids & the Law: An A-Z Guide for Parents" (last updated in 2004).

— Source: El Cerrito e-mail trees

ALBANY SCHOOL NEWS

Albany High School

INCOMING FAMILIES: The AHS e-tree is the main vehicle for getting information at the high school. You will receive the daily bulletin (which is read to the students every morning); information regarding counseling, college, testing, and careers; announcements for school events and community meetings; PTA and school board newsletters, agendas, and minutes; calls for volunteers, etc. The AHS e-tree is a one-way only, moderated, informational group. It is not used for dialogue. To subscribe, send a blank e-mail to AHSnews-subscribe@yahoo-groups.com. When registering, you will need to sign in with a Yahoo ID (just create one if you don't already have one) and a password. Once signed on to AHSnews, you can choose to have all messages mailed to your e-mail address daily. If you have any problems signing on to AHSnews, send a message to Linda Okamoto at toprnn@earthlink.net. If you would like to unsubscribe to the AHS PTA e-tree, please send a blank e-mail to ahsnews-unsubscribe@yahoo-groups.com. Congratulations to Joan Sexton, Beth Snellings, the Strings Class, Advanced Choral and members of AHS Chamber Music for putting on a beautiful show at the Vi-vi-dal concert on June 5.

COLLEGE CHECKLIST: The checklist for four-year college-bound juniors is on the AHS Web site under Counseling Dept. All college information can be downloaded from the counseling site, including the college check-off list and student profile for summer college application planning. The state has created an excellent Web site at www.icanaffordcollege.com to ensure that students attending California community colleges get the financial aid that is available to them. Details also available at 800-987-4228.

UC INDEX: The new eligibility index for the University of California system is now available. This index includes the new SAT scores. Students can calculate their eligibility online at www.UniversityofCalifornia.edu/admissions/scholarshipreq. The National Endowment for the Humanities has a good reading list organized by grade level at: www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html, and if you're not familiar with the recommended reading list from the California State Department of Education, you can check it out at: www.cde.ca.gov/cj/ril/.

WORKSHOP: Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising is holding a summer workshop for high school students Wednesday through Friday in San Francisco. Information is at www.fidm.edu.

OPEN HOUSE: Expressions College for Digital Arts Open House takes place in Emeryville at 6601 Shell-mound St on Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. RSVP at 877-833-8800.

Albany Middle School

ORIENTATION: Orientation for students will take place Aug. 30. The first day of school for students is Aug. 31.

INCOMING FAMILIES: Incoming sixth-grade families are invited to subscribe to the AMS e-tree, the main vehicle for getting information at the middle school. You will receive the daily newsletter from Principal Robin Davis, the monthly Cobra Clarion, announcements for school events and community meetings; PTA and school board newsletters, agendas and minutes; calls for volunteers; etc. Our group Web site at groups.yahoo.com/group/AlbanyMiddleSchool/ also provides a calendar of school-related events, links to other school-related Web sites, and important documents for downloading. To subscribe, send a blank e-mail to AlbanyMiddleSchool-unsubscribe@yahoo-groups.com. You will need to register for a Yahoo ID (just create one if you don't already have one) in order to view the group site online. Once signed on to the Albany Middle School e-tree, you will be able to access the archives and all of the old messages that have been posted. If you have questions or problems, send a message to Cindy Solomon at solofreesail@gmail.com. To unsubscribe from the AMS PTA e-tree, please send a blank e-mail to: AlbanyMiddleSchool-unsubscribe@yahoo-groups.com.

Cornell Elementary School

SILLY OLYMPICS: Did you (or your kids) miss out on getting one of this year's great Silly Olympics T-shirts? Or would you like to have more? If you are interested in ordering one (or more), contact Karen at 415-865-7212 or danielmcm@sbcbglobal.net as soon as possible. Once enough requests are received to place the order, everyone will be contacted with payment and delivery details.

ORIENTATION: Orientation for sixth-grade students at AMS will be held in the afternoon Aug. 30. The first day of

school is Aug. 31.

Marin Elementary

FALL ENROLLMENT: If you experience any changes over the summer that affect your family's enrollment for the fall, notify the school through the district office, AUSSD, 904 Talbot Ave., attn: Linda Baker.

CAMPUS CLOSED: The Marin campus, including the playground, will be closed through the summer vacation for construction, which will continue through December.

Education Funders

POSITIONS OPEN: With graduation, the Albany Music Fund is losing some energetic supporters. To maximize students' musical experience and keep the level of performance up, the group needs a secretary, volunteer coordinator, choir and band parents for each class, membership coordinator, concessions volunteers and fundraisers. The following parents have volunteered to help next year: Dan McLoughlin (AHS festival treasurer), Alan Nicol (AHS festival coordinator), Paul Black (e-tree coordinator), Dierdre Bauer (Concert Band parent), Bill Louie (Rhythm Bound parent), Sherry Black (PTA liaison), Janice Bettiga (publicity), Giuliana Hill (webmaster) and Virginia McKone (T-shirt, tie purchase). Anyone wishing to help should contact Mike McKay at 510-525-2147 or mcfamm@sbcbglobal.net.

— Source: Albany e-mail tree

BUSINESS NAME FILINGS

The following individuals or corporations filed fictitious-business-name statements in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The Journal makes every effort to ensure accuracy but cannot be held responsible if there are errors or omissions in this list. The Journal gathers information from fictitious-business-name filings with the counties; not all listings are new businesses. These listings are a public service and do not satisfy requirements that business owners advertise legal notices of their business names.

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Ihouseweb, William Afong, 1650 Solano Ave. #B.

Kashaneh Electrical, Alireza Erami, 905 Fillmore St. #A.

Little Village Preschool, Elizabeth Brown, 919 Talbot Ave.

Maxs Liquors, Surinder Kumar, 865 San Pablo Ave.

Tay Tah Care, Boonyalak Viboonlarp, 1182 Solano Ave.

El Cerrito

Allums Academy and Think Link, Betty Allums, 926 Avis Drive.

Brusatori Construction and Brusatori Mortgage Reduction System and Future Financial Planning, Anthony Brusatori, 1026 Everett St.

Cetti Ventures; Direct Mint; Expand Localend Vendor Zoo, Derek Merrill, 11740 San Pablo Ave. #303.

HBE Enterprises, Eric Hardy, 800 South 53rd St.

Il Mio Cafe, Prospero Dito, 6401 Fairmont Ave.

Jeniffer's House Cleaning, Esther Fonseca, 10944 San Pablo Ave. #432.

N Max Furniture & Gift, Kung Pun, 11940 San Pablo Ave.

Tejada Vineyard Co; and Tejada Vineyards, Tejada Vineyard Co Inc., (a California corporation), Nina Anderson, 1326 Devon Shire Drive.

White Light Associates, Rosalinda Megino, 3020 El Cerrito Plaza #183.

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Calendar

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Children

■ **Habitat Children's Museum**, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley, presents: Car Seat Check 10 a.m.-12 p.m. **June 18**, July 23. Berkeley Police Department will check installation on your child's car seat at UC Garage, Addison at Oxford Streets. Details: www.habitat.org or 510-647-1111.

■ **Stage Door Conservatory** presents summer musical theater classes for youths with start dates **June 20** through **Aug. 1** at Epworth Community Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., North Berkeley. Details: www.stagedoorconservatory.org or 510-521-6250.

■ **Animal Origami** with Mitsuko Yoneyama, for kids 4 years and older, to celebrate the Grand Opening of RabbitEars Pet Supply and Services is 3-4 p.m. **June 25** at 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free. Details: 510-525-6155.

■ **Meet the Bunnies!** Come meet prospective bunnies, arrange a play date with a new bunny and your family, or introduce your own bunny to a new friend. Find answers to all of your bunny questions. Make a bunny toy to take home with you. Event is 3-4 p.m. **June 25** at RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free. Details: 510-525-6155.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, 1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, presents residential camps: "Coastal Ecology Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains" session one, for ages 8-10, **June 27-July 1**; session two, for ages 9-12, **July 10-14**. — "Yosemite Park Backpacking Science Camp" session one, for ages 10-14, **July 1-24**; session two, for ages 11-16,

July 30-Aug. 4. Details: www.lawrence-hallscience.org and 510-642-5134.

■ **Black Repertory Group** Youth Department's Summer Day Camp is through **August** for this summer's production of "The Wiz" at 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Details: 510-652-2120 or www.blackrepertorygroup.com.

■ **Boy Scout meetings** — All boys in grades 6-12 are invited to join Troop 125 at meetings from 5-6:30 p.m. on Mondays at Downer Elementary School Cafeteria, 1777 Sanford Ave., San Pablo. Sponsored by the Lion's Club. Details: Brian at 510-231-0403.

■ Check out books from **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday - Thursday; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 510-848-0237.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theatre classes and seminars for children, youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit www.ccct.org.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 3½ years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. Program meets 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 7007 Moesser Lane, El Cerrito. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Details: 510-215-4371.

Community

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents the following pet adoption events in Berkeley: Cats available 12-3 p.m. **June 18** at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **Jewish Humanistic congregation Kol Hadash** holds a free family and couples interfaith/intercultural picnic and BBQ 11:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M. **June 18** at Terrace Park, on 1500 block of Terrace Street, Albany. Learn about their Sunday School and Mitzvah programs. Play-ground area available. Bring picnic and BBQ items. Sodas, paper goods and fired-up BBQs will be provided. RSVP preferred. Details: Event@kolhadash.org.

■ **Berkeley Garden Club** Spring Plant Sale is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **June 18** at 547 Grizzly Peak Blvd. Great plants at bargain prices. Proceeds support projects in Berkeley and vicinity. Details: 510-524-7296.

■ **"A Night of Voices"** is 6-10 p.m. **June 18** at Comic Relief, 2026 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Free variety show with six bands and spoken word. Show features Duckmandy, the invisible cities, Fire Wrecks the Forest, K.C. Jiang, Laramie Crocker, and Throck Morton emceed by story teller Matt Holdaway. Free. Details: www.atgeek.net/voices.

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** are at three locations and times: Tuesday's Market is 2-7 p.m. on Derby Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market is 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street. It features all organically grown produce. — Saturday's market is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. All markets open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecologycenter.org. Upcoming events: Summer Solstice Celebration **June 18**. Live music, crafts fair.

■ Sylvia Gretchen speaks on "Healing Pain" 6 p.m. **June 19** at Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Free. Coming up: Elizabeth Cook speaks on "Preserving Tibetan Texts" **June 26**. Details: 510-843-6812.

■ **Recreational Equipment Inc.** 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Free Hands-on Bicycle Clinic 10-11:30 a.m. **June 19**; **July 3, 17**. — Great Yosemite Day Hikes & Weekend Backpacking Trips slide presentation 7 p.m. **June 28**. — Foot-Care for Any Sport: Boot Fit, Blisters & More 7 p.m. **July 5**. — Kayaking 101 7 p.m. **July 6**. — Hands-on Bike Maintenance Class 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **July 10**. Details: 510-527-4140.



KATIE'S DANCE STUDIO of El Cerrito will be presenting Showtime 2005 on **June 18**, 18 & 26 at Diablo Valley College, 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill. The show includes dance ages and all levels, from beginners to professional. The dancers will be performing tap, jazz, ballet, point, and acrobatic routines. This summer some of the studio's dancers have been doing internships with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Mark Morris Dancers, Steps on Broadway and the San Francisco Conservatory of Dance. Some students have gone on to perform in national tours and with international dance companies. There are still openings in the Summer Dance Camp for children ages 7 to 12 years and in Katie's Intensive Workshop for dancers. For more information about tickets for Showtime 2005, Katie's Dance Studio classes, summer camp and the intensive workshops please contact 510-524-1310.

■ **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center**, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, presents: Multicultural Shavuot Festival is 1 p.m. **June 19**. Free. — Philip Roth Book Club meets 7:30 p.m. **June 20**, facilitated by Laura Bernell. Fee: \$10 per session, registration required. — Tribute to Lee and Dorothy Marsh and BRJCC Founders **June 25**. Food, fun, entertainment. Details: 510-848-0237 or www.brjcc.org.

■ **City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force** meetings are held 7-9:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Schedule is as follows: **June 20**; **July 11, 18**; **Aug. 1, 15**; **Sept. 12, 19**; **Oct. 3, 17**; **Nov. 7, 21**; **Dec. 5**. Details: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/land-use/Creeks/default.html.

■ **"Books Come in All Flavors"** — Alameda County Library announces its fourth annual Teen Summer Reading Program **June 20-Aug. 20**. Teens can sign up and get their Reading Log at any of Alameda County Library's branches. Teens will use their Reading Log to keep track of hours spent reading, and will receive incentive prizes as they reach a certain number of hours, with those reading 50 hours receiving a

free day pass to Great Hall 510-745-1438.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, presents: Following free activities: **June 20**, **July 11, 18**, **Aug. 1, 15**; **Sept. 12, 19**; **Oct. 3, 17**; **Nov. 7, 21**; **Dec. 5**. Refreshments offered.

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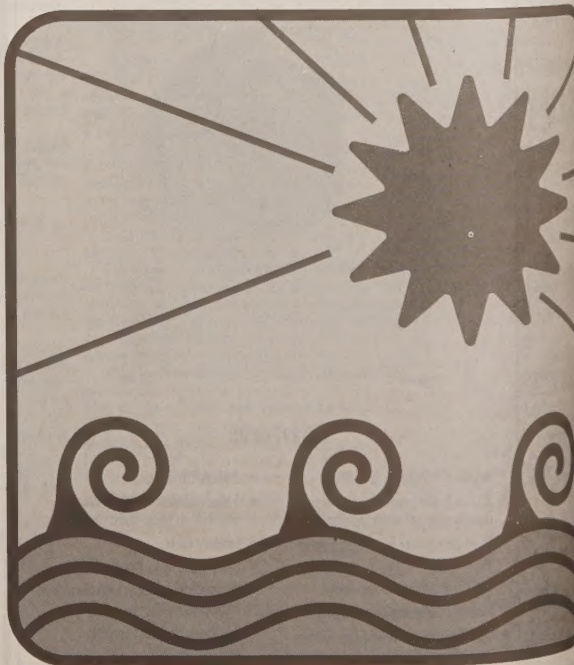
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■ **Albany Arts Committee** presents ex-
hibit "From Life," featuring plein air and
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■ **Alvarado Artists Group** will exhibit
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K. Werner, ceramist, Marilyn MacGregor,
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dia artist, Carla Dole, Bob Orcutt, and
Joan Mikkelsen, photographer, will be

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848-1228 or www.giorgigallery.com.
■ **Innersport's** spring art show runs
until August at 1250 Addison St.
#102, Berkeley. Show features work
by Scott Courtenay-Smith, Sally Kiehn
and Nita Moreno. Details: www.inner-
sport.com.

Obituaries and In Memoriam

Howard Eavenson Boyer Jr.

Howard Eavenson Boyer Jr., Sci-
ence Editor of many of the
world's most illustrious scientists,
died on May 4th in San Francis-
co, CA.

Beloved by his authors for his
rigorous intellect, his mastery of
words, and his deep understand-
ing of their science. An editor of
the old school, he worked assidu-
ously on the manuscripts he ac-
quired, shaping them into vol-
umes that were to become clas-
sics in their field. Among his au-
thors are E. O. Wilson, Vincent
Dethier, Jane Goodall, Ernst
Mayr, Stephen Jay Gould, I.B.
Cohen, Alan Walker, and Michael
Gazzaniga.

Mr. Boyer was born in Philadel-
phia, PA. on October 26, 1943.
He was educated at The Pennington
School, Earlham Col-
lege, and New York University.

Howard Boyer is survived by
his sister, Signe Boyer, brother-
in-law, Edwin Laak, niece Eliza-
beth Silva, nephew Neil Aronson
and relict Maria Eugenia
Quintana.

A memorial will be held on Sat-
urday, June 18, 2005 at 3:00pm at
The Circle of Friends in The Na-
tional AIDS Memorial Grove,
Golden Gate Park in San Francis-
co. In lieu of flowers, donations
can be made to Coming Home
Hospice, 115 Diamond Street,
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■ **Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific** Film
Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley, of-
fers the following exhibitions: — "Turn-
ing Corners", a collection of
radical/nonconformist artists, and "Fig-
urations", a changing variety of perspec-
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22, 2006. — Details: 510-642-0808.

Norma Jean Kalmar

Norma Jean Kalmar of
Piedmont, Ca. Passed away, June
11, 2005. Born in Anoka, Minne-
sota, on June 17, 1930, she was
the daughter of Edith and
Clifford Carlson. After graduat-
ing from the University of Minne-
sota in 1952, and teaching school
for two years in Denver, Colora-
do, Norma moved to California
and taught in the Bay Area
where she met the "love of her
life," Arne Kalmar, in 1954. Two
years later they were married and
had two children. She most en-
joyed her family & friends, and
all the bridge, golf, mah-jong and
garden club socials she could fit
in. Socializing and playing golf
at the Claremont Country Club in
Oakland and the Ironwood Coun-
try Club in Palm Desert were
some of her favorite pastimes.
Traveling with her soul-mate, she
ventured from Finland to Greece,
from Alaska to Nepal, with old
friends and new, finally to Palm
Desert where she spent many of
her winter months and her last
days. Norma is survived by her
husband of 49 years, G. Arnold
Kalmar, her daughter, Kristina
Jean Savidge, her son, Clifford Ar-
nold Kalmar, and her grandson,
Zachary Savidge. She will be
best remembered by all her won-
derful friends for the loving inter-
est she took in them.

A visitation will be held Friday,
June 17, her birthday from
3:00pm until 9:00pm at the
Grant Miller-John Cox Mortuary,
2850 Telegraph Ave. Oakland,
with a vigil to be held at 7:00pm
at the mortuary chapel. Family
and Friends are invited to attend
a Funeral Liturgy Saturday, June
18, 2005, at 12:00pm, at Corpus
Christi Catholic Church, 322 St.
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Apartments

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"We need a place to live," Klugman said. "Everything is far too expensive in Albany."

Planning and zoning commissioner Phillip Moss also had concerns, saying the north and south sides of the building looked "massive."

He suggested reducing the complex by one unit or including a unit of affordable housing.

"I think you could meet with the neighbors," said Moss, "and come up with a solution that works."

The commission voted 3-0 to table the proposal until its July 26 meeting.

Commissioner David Arkin excused himself from the hearing because he lives within 500 feet of the project. Commissioner Leo Panian was absent.

Before the apartment building discussion, the commission voted 4-0 to recommend an affordable housing ordinance to the City Council.

If approved, the ordinance would require developers building more than five units of housing to set aside 15 percent of those units for households with low or very low incomes.

Developers who refuse to build those units would have the option of paying a fee equal to the difference between the market rate cost of the unit and what a low or very-low income household could afford.

The council will likely consider the new law in September, said associate planner Billy Gross.

Finally, the commission postponed a decision on whether to allow Nextel Communications to move four cell phone antennas from one part of a commercial building to another, at 1035 San Pablo Ave.

Nextel wants to move the antennas to provide improved cell phone coverage, according to a letter submitted to the city.

Gross said the commission wanted more information about Nextel's cell phone coverage in the city and why the relocation is needed.

In early March, the city approved a stricter wireless ordinance requiring cell phone companies to provide that information when applying for permits.

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Green

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Once the chamber reaches its recycling goals, it plans to promote the business district as "green," giving residents another reason to shop locally.

"Our ultimate goal is to be the greenest city in the country, and I feel that's something we can do," James Carter, the chamber director, said. "It saves businesses money, and it's good for the environment."

The chamber received the grant from the Alameda County Recycling Board, an arm of Stopwaste.org, a county agency that implements state and county recycling goals.

Meghan Starkey, the director of the recycling board, said that because of its small size, Albany is in a unique position to create an environmentally friendly business district.

"We've never had a grant application from a chamber of commerce," Starkey said. "We're delighted to have it. It's good to see that the environmental message is being carried by a mainstream organization like the chamber."

Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Contra Costa County Supervisor Keith Carson and the Albany City Council also support the effort.

The city has offered 200 hours of staff time annually to the project, said environmental resources associate Nicole Narver.

Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi said she would like to see the city take the environmental cause even further, perhaps through the use of solar panels in the revamped City Hall.

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock said Albany may provide a model for other communities.

"Nothing is more important than conserving energy, conserving our water, and putting less trash in our landfills," she said. "Most people know how important this is and want to do it, and often do it at home, but don't know how to do it at their businesses."

Carter said the Green Albany Project will help businesses connect with a number of regional organizations to reduce energy consumption and increase recycling. Those organizations include the East Bay Municipal Utilities District, Waste Management, Smart Lights, the Alameda County Green Business Program and more.

Walker's Pie Shop is one of four Albany restaurants signing up for a food-recycling program. Waste Management began offering city businesses last year.

Sandoval already recycles his cardboard and grease, and has installed low-flow toilets and faucet nozzles. A representative from Waste Management is helping him to recycle food scraps by finding him the right compost bins and scheduling a time for pick-up.

He's also looking at installing energy-efficient lighting.

"They have to show me what kind of savings will be there," said Sandoval. "Because I know there will be a lot of expense with changing the fixtures."

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Recruit

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The debate heated up four years ago. The federal No Child Left Behind Act passed by Congress in 2001 requires districts, at the risk of losing federal money, to provide student information to the military, unless parents opt out. Schools also must offer the military access to students equal to that given to corporate or university recruiters.

U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, D-San Jose, is pushing a bill that would require school districts to keep student information from the military unless parents sign an authorization form.

The Berkeley school district already employs an opt-in form though it is not legally recognized, said spokesman Mark Coplan. The district years ago banned recruiters of all kinds, Coplan said, including those in uniform.

The West Contra Costa school board voted in 2002 to comply with federal guidelines to avoid losing federal dollars.

In Castro Valley, parents say that military recruiters are abusing their right on campus, straying from their allotted spot in the career center during Friday visits.

"They were out the other day signing yearbooks," said Sheryl Lipari, the mother of a Castro Valley High sophomore. "I don't think that most parents are aware."

After a recruiter approached Lipari's 16-year-old son, she asked to put her own pamphlets on campus, including one by the pacifist Quaker group American Friends Service Committee. The school refused, according to Sheila Jordan, superintendent of the Alameda County Board of Education.

Lipari and other like-minded parents then formed Support Truth in Recruitment, or STIR. The group stamped their fliers "banned at Castro Valley High School" and passed them out near school. Last week, they hit the local farmers market.

"I'm not necessarily against the military. I'm not really against recruiting," said STIR member Dave Siegel. "I want it to be fair." Albany school board member Miriam Walden said her district will consider more stringent rules for visiting recruiters. Currently, recruiters may appear on career day and can also speak in classes.

"Maybe that's better because kids can ask questions," Walden said. "Or maybe the best way is to really restrict that kind of access."

Like STIR, one of the Albany committee's main gripes is that recruiters scrambling to meet

quotas fail to touch on the harsher aspects of service while glorifying the perks, such as college tuition through the GI Bill.

"They don't talk about sexual harassment and death," Walden said.

An Army spokesman rejected the assertion that recruiters hide the hazards of military duty.

"We expect our recruiters to be as upfront and honest with the public as possible about what service in the Army entails, both the benefits and the risks," said spokesman Douglas Smith of the Army's recruiting command in Fort Knox, Ky.

Recruiting opponents point to recent incidents that call into question recruiter integrity.

In January, touring Army marksmen rattled College Park High School students and staff in Pleasant Hill by setting up a fake shooting range complete with gun replicas outfitted to simulate recoil.

In Ukiah, two Marine recruiters are accused of sexual misconduct with a high school student.

In Colorado, a high school journalism student working under cover accused recruiters in March of accepting his fake diploma and helping him hide drug use. This claim remains under investigation, Smith said.

"We take any allegation of recruiter impropriety very seriously," Smith said. "It's hurtful when we have people who violate ... our standards."

Ethical recruitment is vital to maintaining the ranks of well-trained soldiers, said Randall Allen of Hercules, the father of a 19-year-old Army infantryman.

"We have to have men who are willing to go out there and do that job," Allen said.

His son Shawn flew to boot camp right after graduating last June from Freedom High School in Oakley.

Parents must be involved in the decision, Allen said. He checked out his son's recruiter, scrutinized the contract and clarified its terms before allowing his son to join. He also talked to a friend who joined the Navy in his youth.

"He wound up scrubbing toilets for his entire career," Allen said. "I wanted to make sure that didn't happen to my son."

Staff writer Shirley Dang covers education. She can be reached at 510-262-2798 or sdang@cctimes.com. Staff writer Dogen Hannah contributed to this report.

Arts committee seeks submissions

Albany's arts committee is looking for submissions of photos, drawings or paintings depicting a location, view or landscape in Albany. The committee will choose winning images for fine-art postcards that local merchants will sell.

Artists, either professional or amateur, should submit up to five prints or slides by July 1 with a \$10 entry fee to the Images of Albany Contest, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany 94706. Artists should include a street address, phone number and e-mail address. The committee will notify winners after July 11. Prizes include a \$100 gift city art and a \$50 gift. For details call the committee at 510-243-3578.

Johnston

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sure, fiscal management and leadership style.

Leaders of the United Teachers of Richmond said they saw her departure as a result of union pressure. Earlier this year, the union issued a report card for Johnston, giving her a series of Fs and Ds, and a vote of no confidence.

"We feel like it's a real victory for our students," said union President Gail Mendes.

The news came as a surprise to school board members.

Fathers

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some of the negative images of men seen on television, Johnson said.

Rev. D'Anna Gipson, the church pastor, said she was elated.

"So often, especially in the minority community, there's a lot of negative things that come over the media," Gipson said. "But this is highlighting the positive things in our community."

"And it's really showing how many good fathers we have — great fathers, those working and taking responsibility for their families, those who are active in the church, those who are setting good examples and are great role models. That's why I'm really happy about it."

Johnson said Vice President Dick Cheney, Rep. George Miller and El Cerrito Mayor Sandi Potter have sent letters supporting this weekend's effort.

"I think it's a great idea to honor fathers who honor their commitments," said Hancock. "And it's at a church that has two women pastors. So I think it'll be a very excellent way to celebrate

ter July 11. Prizes include a \$100 gift city art and a \$50 gift. For details call the committee at 510-243-3578.

"I'd like to see deep regret," said Pfeiffer. "This is what we wanted or chose." School Board President Price said the board began a search for the district that was developing a new mission statement. The district is a mix of negotiators, union and non-union employees.

"We need to get quickly," Price said.

Reach Shirley Dang at 510-262-2798 or sdang@cctimes.com.

Father's Day? Though he's a dad, Smith said his daughters, 14 and 16, and will pay their own way. He also believed that more than one child.

"When you don't you're imbalanced," the executive director of Bay Youth Connection, a job-training organization and young adults at this weekend's event. "I care how good your father is, how good your father is."

Jamvi Borens, 14, n't have a good father but strives to be for his son and daughter.

The director of New Generation thought the weekend were a "long time ago." "I think it's a great idea of men," said Borens, them back up to the they realize their own significance."

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THE THOUSAND OAKS: Architect William Hays' creation at 1831 San Juan Ave. in the Thousand Oaks neighborhood tastefully blends the Shingle and Classic styles of architecture.

Shining among the oaks

William C. Hays' jewel among gems in Berkeley's Thousand Oaks neighborhood. DENNIS EVANOSKY, SECTION EDITOR. The Cooper family home at 1831 San Juan Ave. in Berkeley's Thousand Oaks neighborhood. The home lies not far from the Spring estate. Susan Hays, who lives in Berkeley Landmark Spring was a local captured in much of the land in Berkeley...

Spring built his estate the same year that William C. Hays completed the Cooper family home. According to Berkeley Path Wanderers Association's Pat Devito, Spring was "a one-time partner of Duncan McDuffie, (and) developed the Thousand Oaks subdivision in 1911." Devito says that McDuffie, who had already developed Northbrae and Claremont, inspired Spring. Spring laid out Thousand Oaks along winding streets, incorporating prominent boulders and rock outcroppings.

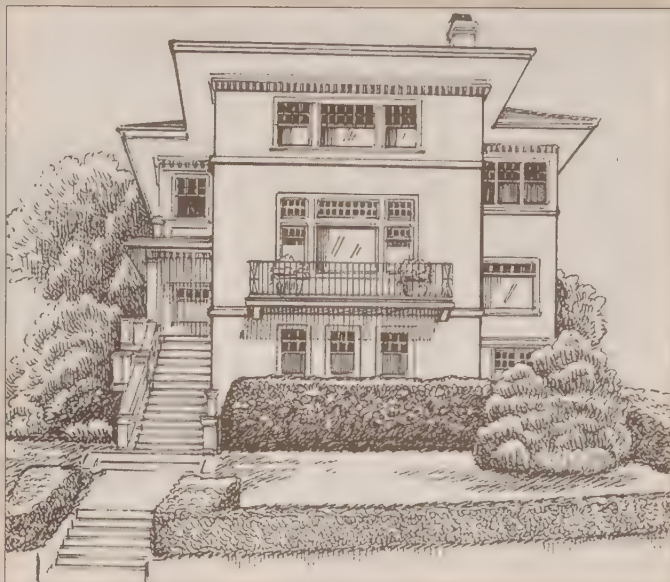
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COZY AND WARM: One of the home's three fireplaces makes the study a welcome retreat.

Real Estate Spotlight:

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THIS GRAND CRAFTSMAN-STYLE HOME was built around 1916 at 155 Alvarado Road in Berkeley, in the coveted Claremont neighborhood, surrounded by beautiful homes and with private access to sunset trail that leads to the Claremont Hotel. Beautiful original woodwork, built-ins and wonderful architectural details highlight the gracious living room and large formal dining room. The 1930's kitchen is complete with a butler's pantry. Enjoy the glorious views of the beautifully landscaped terraced garden from the brick patio. Additional rooms include four-plus spacious and sunny bedrooms, three plus baths and a basement with an additional bedroom and bath. House is on the market for the first time in 50 years.

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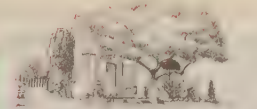
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LIVING — AND DINING — IN STYLE: William C Hays' 1914 design for the home at 1831 San Juan in Berkeley includes a beautifully proportioned living room, left, with built-in bookshelves and a faced fireplace. The formal dining room, right, features redwood wainscoting, built-ins and an enclosed rear porch. The porch opens onto a woodland garden that provides the perfect after-dinner retreat.



Home

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Hays incorporated these outcroppings and the wonderful oak trees for which Spring named his development in his design.

The architect accented his brown shingle design with Classical themes in white, exaggerated dentils crown the entryway and pilasters accent the home's west-facing facade.

But it is the home's brown shingles set among the oaks and

professor of architecture at the University of California at Berkeley, where he taught from 1906 to 1943. He served the university as the acting director of the school of architecture from 1917 to 1919.

Hays supervised the architectural design of the University of California at Davis campus from 1918 to 1944. He chaired the Building Location and Campus Development for the Berkeley campus in the 1940s.

He also designed buildings for University of California campuses at San Francisco, Davis, and UC Berkeley, including Giannini Hall and some fraternity houses.



ARCHITECT WILLIAM C. HAYS

Hays was already a seasoned architect when he built 1831 San Juan Ave. for the Coopers. He began his architectural career 20 years earlier in Philadelphia. He arrived in San Francisco just two years before the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire.

rock outcroppings that give the home its place in the landscape.

Hays' design wraps the home in its natural setting. The brown shingles melt into the rocks and trees, while the Classical white accents help give the home its visibility from San Juan Avenue.

Hays was already a seasoned architect when he built 1831 San Juan Ave. for the Coopers. He began his architectural career 20 years earlier in Philadelphia.

Hays came to San Francisco just two years before the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire to San Francisco. He worked for Howard & Galloway from 1906 to 1908, when he began his own practice.

In addition to his design work, Hays distinguished himself as a

Hays was a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and a charter member of the Beaux Arts Institute.

He authored various articles on architectural topics for the Architect and Engineer and other journals. Hays lived in Berkeley until his death in 1963 at the age of 89.

The architect has imaginatively set his creation on the landscape and his imagination is also evident inside the home.

The home's handsome portico opens onto a gracious redwood-clad entry and a study with a fireplace provides welcome.

He beautifully proportioned the living room and added built-in bookshelves and a brick-clad fireplace. He complemented this room with a copper-clad balcony.

He designed the dining room with redwood wainscoting, built-ins and offered an enclosed rear porch, a perfect place for an after-dinner retreat.

The home's original kitchen is intact and has a spacious pantry and a large utility room. There is access to the home's oversized basement here.

Up the intricate sweep of stairs that Hays designed, one finds the large, bright master suite. He included a dressing room and the home's third fireplace here. Hays also provided four additional bedrooms along with an outdoor balcony, an enclosed sleeping porch and a "split" bath.

This home is located in a clutch of significant pre-World War One homes Bernard Maybeck's Jones-Bacon House and the William C. Knowles-designed Leupp house are nearby.

The home at 1831 San Juan Ave. had been in the same family for 75 years, but it's time for new steward.

—Thanks to Berkeley Hills Realty's Nancy Mueller for her help with this article.

VITAL STATISTICS

What: A William C Hays-designed home at 1831 San Juan Ave. In Berkeley's Thousand Oaks neighborhood.

Size: 3,295 square-foot home on a 10,455 square-foot lot.

Bedrooms: Five

Bathroom: Three

Features: This home combines classical detailing with shingle and board-and-batten exterior, a home that is at once sophisticated and rustic. The home's double lot provides both privacy and a view of the San Francisco Bay. The home's handsome portico opens onto a gracious redwood-clad entry and a study with a fireplace. A beautifully proportioned living room has built-in bookshelves and a fireplace. The large, bright master suite features a dressing room with the home's third fireplace. The home's interior has been freshly painted.

Price: \$1,580,000

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Agent: Nancy Mueller, Berkeley Hills Realty, 510-524-9888, ext 20.



HAYS' DESIGN allowed for a set of three windows on the west-facing side of the home, right. This design bathes the master bedroom, above, in afternoon light and provides a view of the San Francisco Bay.

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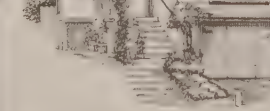
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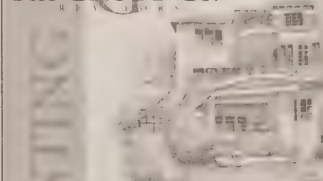
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We've heard a number of times from non-cleaners who wanted to sell.

"I need to know what my house is worth," one woman said over the phone. "I really must sell it. But it's so bad that I can't let you see it."

She was near panic and tears. We soothed, we told her it would be OK. Messy houses can be cleaned. Full houses can be emptied. Houses in need of repair can be fixed.

In fact, we explained, having done nothing to a house can be an advantage. Lots of people prefer buying a house that's been left alone. Especially with old houses, if the original details are as they were built, that's a bonus.

Our caller said that she'd taken care of basic things, the roof and the furnace, but she'd never done anything inside because the house was filled to the rafters.

"So things need repairs. My faucets are leaking, the floors are stained, things are broken. I can't lock the back door anymore."

We listened and we sympathized, then we told her a story of another woman and her house, how she managed to move and get her house sold.

She invited us into her packed-with-stuff living room, cleared a small space on a sofa for us to sit, and told us how, some 50 years earlier, she and her husband had bought the house when it was brand new. They'd raised their children there, had lived fully and hap-

pily until the kids got married and her husband had died. Now she intended to move to a distant city to be near a cousin.

This dear woman knew her house looked bad, and she didn't want anyone to see it. Outside of her family, we were the first visitors allowed inside in years.

We made our way through the rooms trying to discover what the house was like. It was hard to see surfaces, what with the accumulation of belongings, multiple window coverings, burned out lights, but the faded wallpaper was obvious, some in strips.

Wall paneling was faded and dried by the sun. Flooring was blackened and stained with soil, some lifted and curling. Window glass was mostly obscured; the metal frames caked with grime, and tiled counters greasy, the grout black.

She was a thoughtful person and she'd been thinking about what to do. She knew that it would take months to sort through her belongings, let alone make the house right, and so she'd devised a plan.

With the help of her daughter and a moving company, the contents of the house would be packed and shipped to her new home. No big attempt to throw things away would be made. Her best and favorites would furnish her new home; the rest would go into storage. Perhaps someday she would go through all of it, but not now.

Once the house was empty, she wanted to know, "Can you pull the house together?" We said we could.

She did exactly as promised. About a month after we'd first met, we had the keys to her vacant house. Right off, we had inspections, and were delighted to find that the basics were all in surprisingly good shape. While the house looked sad, its problems were primarily cosmetic.

We called in our crews to give us bids and to set up schedules: cleaners, painters, gardeners, floor people. And our stager came, surveyed the scene, and said, "It's a matter of layers, just one after the other."

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Then new wood was laid in severely damaged spots in the wood floors and the floors were refinished. New linoleum was selected and installed in the baths, kitchen and family room.

Window frames and tile were scrubbed. Wallpaper was removed; some was painted over. Damaged paneling was repaired, then painted, closets and cupboards washed and painted too.

Several appliances were beyond reclamation. We scrapped the refrigerator and went to Sears for a new dishwasher, vent hood and cook-top.

Concrete pathways outside were power washed and the overgrown garden trimmed.

The stager made sure that small, all-important details were attended to. Almost all light fixtures, plates for light switches and plugs, and old rusted furnace outlet covers were replaced.

The stager brought in sleek metal curtain rods and hung them with crisp white curtains, and finally, added pretty furnishings, rugs and paintings. She filled vases with bright flowers and dressed beds with creamy-colored linens.

This entire makeover cost almost exactly \$26,000, a very good value we think. We will never know for sure, but we guess that the money spent brought our client back triple that in selling price.

And think of all that she saved in cleaning costs over 50 years. If she'd hired someone to come in twice a month over that time, at an average of \$50 each visit, cleaning alone would add up to \$65,000. And that figure would not have included floor repairs, appliances, or painting.

The best part of this story is that our seller lived just as she chose. As far as we know, she did so without any particular anxiety over the state of her house. She just didn't invite the neighbors in.

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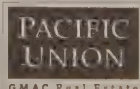
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Magnificent Queen Anne Victorian

Open Sunday 2-4:30



Offered at
\$1,600,000

2213 Vine Street, Berkeley

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143 Beau Forest Drive, Montclair

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*** Open House - Sunday, June 19, 2005 1:30 - 4:00 ***



Stunning 3 Story Loft Townhouse

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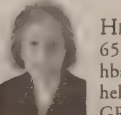
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3089 Suter Street, Oakland

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. This Craftsman bungalow has a covered front porch entry which leads to the well-proportioned and light-filled living room. There is a formal dining room with built-ins and leaded glass details and a kitchen with newly tiled counter and flooring, plus two bedrooms and an updated bath all on one level. The kitchen opens to a landscaped back garden.

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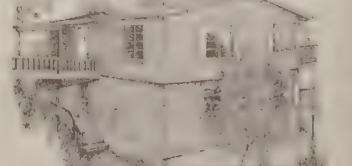


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Scenes from a moving experience

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Scene One: We decide to move. We have three strict criteria: 1) We want to remain in our neighborhood. 2) We want to be able to afford it. 3) We do not want to live in a place where the refrigerator is built into the refrigerator. We tour countless open houses, including the wing-room-s-a-lso-the-kitchen-neighbor's-bedroom floor and seeing some lovely place combos, we opt to move to the neighborhood.

Scene Two: We put a For Sale sign in the yard. The next day, a mailman delivers a letter with bagfuls of thought-provoking real estate advice. I am thrilled to pieces. I tell my wife how invigorated I feel. I see ordinary homeowners in the real estate office. But when you fail, here's my advice: A couple of weeks later, the house is still on the market.

Scene Three: My wife loves the house. I can't stand it. I love the house. She can't stand it. We compromise and decide to buy a house which neither of us really loves. It's in a gentler neighborhood, and we'll have to become accustomed to a different Best Buy, but we're up to the challenge.

Scene Four: Closing day. We sign the papers. The house is now ours. We buy a new one, but our days of innocence, of carefree hayrides with water heaters, are forever gone.

Scene Eight: The cable guy comes. As he's setting our cable up, he's also fighting with his girl.

he'll probably be right.

Scene Five: I go get coffee for the movers. A man about to pull out of a parking spot at Dunkin' Donuts tosses his empty soda can under his car. Witnessing acts of littering turns me into part Minuteman border patrol vigilante, part dean in "Old School." I honk. I see the man fidget. I honk again. The man turns around. I hold my hand down on the horn. The man jumps out of the car and comes roaring toward me. Test-of-manhood time. If he sends me to the hospital, no big deal - I'll get to spend the move in bed. But then my survival instinct kicks in. I say, "Sir, I believe you dropped your soda can, and I didn't want you to lose it." The man grunts, picks up the can and drives off.

Scene Six: After the movers leave, I, thanks to poor packing skills, spend the next several hours in a small Nissan racing to and from the new place, each time with 15 pairs of my wife's shoes in my lap and a lamp in my ear. The two times I pass the neighborhood high school while students are outside en masse, my windows are open and the radio's blasting. First time: "Ice Ice Baby." Second time: "Let's Hear It for the Boy." So, this is what destined-never-to-be-cool feels like.

Scene Seven: As far as cliches go, they don't get much more fun than the "You Will Discover Something Major Is Broken in Your New Home" one. In our case, it's the water heater, which is leaking gas. We buy a new one, but our days of innocence, of carefree hayrides with water heaters, are forever gone.

Scene Eight: The cable guy comes. As he's setting our cable up, he's also fighting with his girl.

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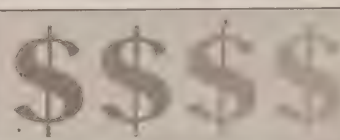
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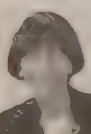
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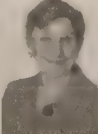
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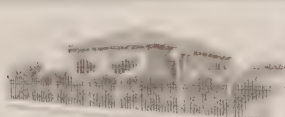
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Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



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HOUSE+DUPLEX - Located on one lot near Solano Avenue. House: 2+1/2, huge kitchen! Duplex: 3/2 up, 2/2+ down. Off-street parking. 829 Kains Avenue Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$1,395,000
3+1/2 - Bright, sunny and spacious with custom gourmet kitchen. Plus spaces include detached home theater, sitting & drawing rooms. 817 Mendocino Avenue Open 2-4:30



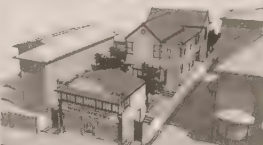
BERKELEY \$1,375,000
3 HOMES/1 LOT - Detached homes, great opportunity for extended families, TIC, co-housing. All renovated in 1999. Near U.C.B. & BART. 1915 A,B,C Oregon Street Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW!
3/2 - Stunning home on a spacious lot, plus acre park-like setting. Hills. Fall in love! 4820 Commonwealth Drive



ALBANY \$575,000
2/1 - Over \$150,000 of renovations & updates make this bungalow with cottage a great value for investors & 1st time buyers. 805 Curtis Street Open 2-5



BERKELEY - NEW! \$985,000
3+1/2 - North Berkeley townhome with architecturally designed, understated elegance. Located in the heart of the Gourmet Ghetto. 2211 Rose Street Open 2-5



BERKELEY \$985,000
3/2.5 - European Timber Frame style. Redwood interior. Rare, level double lot. Deck, landscaped garden, solarium. Must see! 747 Creston Road Open 2-4:30



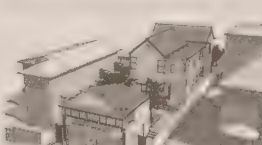
OAKLAND \$880,000
5/2 - Sunny country French Craftsman per Lakeshore near Piedmont. Big decks, a nice, warm home. 3908 Lakeshore Avenue Open 2-5



ALBANY - NEW! \$549,000
2/1 - First time EVER on the market! Huge creekside lot. Move-in condition: fresh & bright! Hardwood floors, big garage, workshop. 1146 Evelyn Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$799,000
3+1/2 - Gracious Tudor is a contractor's delight. Located in N. Berkeley hills a blink from transportation, U.C., Gourmet Ghetto & more. 2577 Rose Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$875,000
2+1/2 - North Berkeley townhome in the heart of the Gourmet Ghetto with private garden, Brazilian cherry floors, detached garage. 2209 Rose Street Open 2-5



OAKLAND - NEW! \$799,000
DUPLEX - Spacious Craftsman style with 2/1.5 downstairs and 3/1.5 up. Hardwood floors & baths, detached garage. 3622 Kingsley Street



EL CERRITO - NEW! \$589,000
2/1 - Charming! Brand new kitchen with oak cabinets, granite counters & stainless steel appliances, oak floors, more. Move-in condition. 236 Carmel Avenue Open 2-5



BERKELEY \$679,000
3/1.5 - Baja Elmwood - blocks from Whole Foods, College Ave. shops. Craftsman details, hardwood floors, fresh paint, new roof, more! 3120 Deakin Street Open 1-5



BERKELEY \$649,000
2 DUPLEXES - Huge price reduction! Terrific duplexes in ideal location near BART & U.C. All 1-bedroom units. Large lot! 2447 California Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$669,000
3/1 - Wonderfully bright bungalow in heart of Rockridge. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, 6 skylights, new heater, more. 5109 Manila Avenue Open 2-4:30



EL CERRITO \$649,000
4+1/2 - Spectacular with fireplace, custom colors, open spaces with big eat-in kitchen. Family room leads to spacious, grassy yard. 7010 Manila Avenue Open 1:30-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$639,000
3/1 - Classic bungalow with huge yard, new kitchen & bath, new paint inside & out, built-ins in dining room and living room. 1244 Ordway Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$569,000
2/1 - Super cute and close to everything, this house has character! Sunny yard, great neighborhood, blocks to BART, the Bowl & Whole Foods. 3109 Wheeler Street Open 1-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$549,000
2/1 - Lovely Craftsman home in Haddam with hardwood floors, built-ins, a sunny & private backyard & lots of storage, large deck. 566 Athol Avenue



EL CERRITO \$639,000
3/2 - One story with views of Golden Gate & SF Bay bridges. Located near Del Norte BART, shopping & easy access to freeway. 1740 Walnut Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$535,000
3/2 - South Berkeley Queen Anne Victorian with original details. Great yard, many upgrades, close to Ashby BART. 3231 California Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$569,000
3/1 - Prime Elmwood condo on 2 levels with decks and views. Quiet. Moments from U.C. and cafes on College Avenue. Loft-like upstairs. 2910 Hillegass Avenue #3 Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$549,000
OFFICE BUILDING - Delightful brick building with 5 office units, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, workshop, parking, easy freeway access. 160 Santa Clara Avenue Open 2-4



EL CERRITO \$539,000
2+1/2 - Remodeled with quality! Separate office/studio! Custom tile, granite counters, retrofit, hardwood floors, fireplace. Great yard! 1344 Norvell Street Open 2-4



MORAGA - NEW! \$989,000
3/2.5 - Classic ranch-style home. Spacious & bright, 2 fireplaces. Large lot, beautiful yard, all on one level! Potential for expansion. 176 Shuey Drive Open 1-5



OAKLAND - NEW! \$649,000
2+1/2 - Mid-century home tucked away in the Montclair hills. Surrounded by redwoods, numerous skylights, remodeled kitchen & bath. 7101 Saroni Drive Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$429,000
4+1/2 - Very nice Craftsman with original details & charm. Lots of built-ins, crown molding, wainscoting, hardwood floors throughout. 2001 42nd Avenue Open 2-4



EL CERRITO \$539,000
3/1 - Cottage in upper El Cerrito on quiet cul-de-sac with peek-a-boo view of Golden Gate. Hardwood floors, new paint, large yard. 7315 Gladys Avenue Open 2-4:30



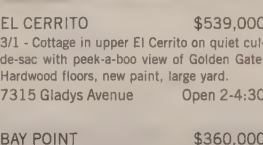
PLEASANT HILL - NEW! \$669,000
4/2 - Sun-drenched ranch-style home with updates, fresh paint, hardwood floors, brick fireplace, views of Mt. Diablo, lovely backyard. 479 Odin Drive Open 2-4



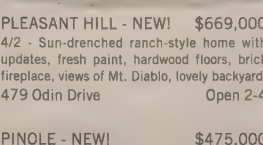
OAKLAND - NEW! \$399,000
2/1 - Remodeled home with new appliances, paint & carpet! Beautiful corner unit in a quaint building near Lake Merritt. 193 Montecito Avenue #202 Open 1-4



OAKLAND \$379,000
1/1 - Impeccably renovated with original details & charm. Lots of built-ins, crown molding, wainscoting, hardwood floors throughout. 5271 Broadway Terrace #3 Open 2-4



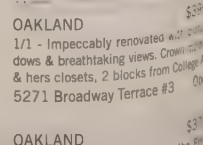
BAY POINT \$360,000
2/1 - Cute starter with new paint, fireplace. Living room & kitchen fans complement river breeze. French doors to deck. Close to BART. 30 West Rose Avenue Open 2-4



PINOLE - NEW! \$475,000
3/2.5 - Former model duet home with many upgrades & detailing. Ideally located on a corner lot in the desired Pinole Shore neighborhood. 327 Del Monte Way Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$379,000
2+1/2 - Up and coming, near the El Cerrito border. Beautifully renovated Victorian home, a lovely, landscaped yard. 3129 Market Street Open 2-4



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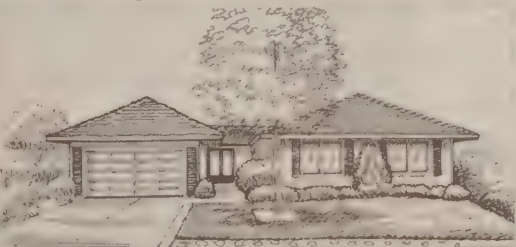
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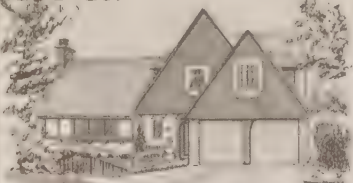


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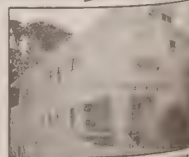


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Finding real estate agent 'red flags'

■ What real estate agent warning signs should I watch out for?

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A "red flag" is a term used in the real estate business that refers to a property defect that might be a warning sign of a bigger problem. When you're buying or selling a home, you should be on the lookout for warning signs in every aspect of your real estate experience, not just in the home inspection arena.

For instance, suppose an agent shows up late for appointments, and is lax about returning your phone calls. This is a red flag that indicates you can expect a similar lack of professionalism throughout the course of your working relationship.

As soon as possible, let the agent know what kind of service

you expect. If your agent isn't responsive to constructive criticism, find yourself an agent who will provide quality service.

Another red flag is real estate agents who are willing to work outside their area of expertise. This is happening more and more often as Multiple Listing Services combine with one another to create immense entities that can pass lower fees on to their member agents. This doesn't necessarily provide you with better service.

In most cases, it's legal for a real estate agent to represent buyers and sellers anywhere within the state in which they're licensed. However, it's the client who suffers from inadequate representation if agents work so far a field that they aren't aware of such things as local business practices, customs and laws affecting real estate, geological problems and point-of-sale compliance ordinances.

One buyer who was working with an agent from San Francisco decided to buy a house in Oakland. Rather than refer the buyer to an Oakland agent, the San Francisco agent told his client that he could help him buy the home in Oakland.

Since the San Francisco agent didn't routinely work in Oakland, he didn't know how closing costs were customarily shared between the buyer and seller. He told his client that he needed to offer to split the cost of transfer taxes with the seller on a 50-50 basis.

In San Francisco, there is a city tax that is customarily paid by the seller and a county tax of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of sale price. In Oakland, there is the same county tax that is charged in San Francisco plus the city of Oakland transfer tax of \$15 per \$1,000.

The custom in Oakland is for the seller to pay all of the county transfer tax, and for the buyer and seller

to split the city tax. The buyer didn't know about the hefty city tax before he made his offer, and he ended up paying half of a tax that Oakland sellers normally pay in its entirety.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: You can put yourself at a disadvantage by working with an out-of-area agent if the market is competitive. Local agents have working relationships with listing agents in the area. They know how the local market works.

In some markets, listings are exposed to the market before the seller entertains offers. In other markets, some listings sell even before

they're advertised on the Internet. To be a successful buyer in a high demand market, you need to work with an agent who can keep you well informed.

Recently, an out-of-area agent wrote an offer for buyers who had been trying to buy in the area for over six months. Their offer was the lowest of six offers. The winning offer was from buyers who were represented by a seasoned local agent who had a better idea of how high the price would go.

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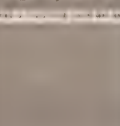
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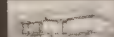
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Q: I am remodeling my kitchen. I'd like to have radiant floor heating installed there and in a shed that will be used as a laundry room. I would prefer to have both floors covered with sheet vinyl because tile is too hard on the feet and would raise the floor levels.

The heating contractor assures me that sheet vinyl with a thin plywood subfloor would conduct the heat properly, and that the water flowing through the radiant-heat tubing will be 125 degrees.

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I called a vinyl tile manufacturer and was told vinyl and laminate flooring can be used as long as the subfloor temperature doesn't exceed 85 degrees. Neither the manufacturer nor the contractor has any firsthand information on whether a vinyl floor is possible.

A: Any kind of flooring will act as insulation and reduce the amount of heat you feel, so you want to make the flooring layer as thin as possible. Many radiant-heat system manufacturers recommend laminate flooring because it is thin and less prone to shrinking or cracking. They also recommend strips of laminate flooring instead of planks; strips will expand and contract less.

Some contractors with experience using vinyl over a radiant system say the heat will cause the vinyl to yellow after a while, even if the subfloor remains at 85 degrees. It all boils down to proper installation, whatever you decide to use. Flooring manufacturers establish procedures that have to be followed or the warranty is voided. For example, Armstrong, which makes vinyl and laminate flooring, says proper room and material conditioning not only affects flooring products and adhesives during installation but also assures proper curing, setting and bonding of the products. Sudden temperature changes and extremes can adversely affect installation and performance.

Get the floor you want and insist that the contractor follow the installation procedures. Know what the warranty covers and keep all documentation, just in case.

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A: Somehow, water is getting in behind the stucco and undermining the bond between the stucco and the surface it is covering.

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Outstanding Lafayette Home

Outstanding 5bd/3.5ba, Lafayette schools, open floor plan, walls of windows, vaulted ceilings, designer gourmet kitchen, large media room, 4FPs, guest quarters, sports court.



Breathtaking Backyard

Fabulous 5 bedroom home in Dublin Ranch. Decorator perfect inside and out with the most amazing backyard including terrace, patio with trellis, grassy areas and waterfall over granite.



Spectacular Custom Home

Custom home on 0.65+-/- ac, rebuilt in 2000, surrounded by panoramic views. Home offers 2882+-/-sf including 4bd/3ba, vaulted cathedral ceilings, gourmet kitchen and large LR.



New Listing

Lower Elmwood. Stately 3bd/2+ba main house with 1bd/1ba cottage situated on a corner lot. Income potential, block to shopping.

OAKLAND

\$725,000

BERKELEY

\$649,000

EL CERRITO

\$534,950

OAKLAND



Large Contemporary Home

Wooded backyard with multi-decks, very large creek-side rear yard. Large 5bd/4ba home. Second bedroom on lower level. FR open to eat-in kitchen. Formal LR on second floor.



Jewel in West Berkeley Oasis

Fabulous cul-de-sac location, 2bd/2ba condo with high ceilings, private yard, hot tub and fireplace. One of three free-standing condos. Great location, close to Cafe Trieste and shops.



Won't Last Long

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avoiding taxes with a 1031 exchange

I purchased a six-unit apartment building four years ago. At the time, it was generating a good rate of return. Since then, property values for the area have increased significantly. I am now looking to sell the property and am concerned about the capital gains tax I will have to pay. I have heard about 1031 exchanges and am wondering if this is a viable option for me. Can you help me understand how this works and if it would be beneficial in my situation?

- two one-story single units - built under same roof with the main lodge
- one one-story single unit - brick (believed to be Sears building).

The copy of the computation I was given indicates the estimate is provided by Priority Boeckh Evaluator, a reliable system from Marshall & Swift/Boeckh and Priority Data Systems Inc. It further indicates costs represent general estimates not to be considered a detailed survey.

My question is: Would the use of this program be considered an accurate method to determine the construction costs for each unit, so that the sum of these 34 units divided into the cost of the master insurance plan would provide a square foot cost that would be used

and multiplied by the total area of each unit to provide an insurance assessment, which would be a portion of the master insurance policy? A. Costing software systems such as those provided by Marshall & Swift/Boeckh are fairly accurate in the aggregate. Boeckh was (and may still be) a principal provider of



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Real Estate Q&A

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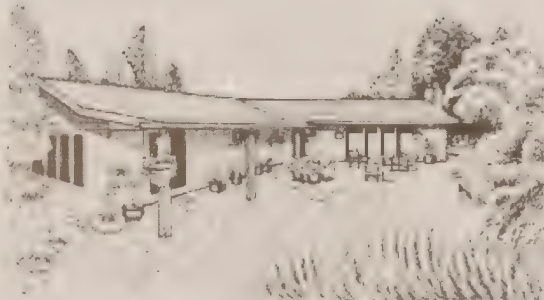
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1255 Contra Costa Drive, El Cerrito Open Sunday, 2:00-4:30

New listing! Wonderful view home near hiking trails. 4-bdrm, 2-bath secluded retreat with many special features. Large living room with random plank floors, elegant fireplace. Gourmet kitchen. Family/exercise room, hot tub, deck overlooking lush garden. Sunny, secluded patio. A must see!

Gay & Kay 524-9888 x51 \$899,000



1831 San Juan in Thousand Oaks, Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00

Magical 1914 "First Bay Tradition" by architect Wm. C. Hays on a gorgeous double lot. Spacious liv. & din. rms, original kit. & baths. Room for all with 6 bdrms, study, enclosed sun porch. Peaceful setting, level woodland garden w/room to explore. Minutes to Solano. Rare opportunity!
Terese Ashmak 524-9888 x11 \$1,580,000



1300 Quarry Ct., #204, Pt. Richmond By Appointment

Tired of the high prices? Discover Brickyard Landing. Beaut., spac. 2 bdrm, 2 bath w/stunning S.E. Bridge, Bay & Marina views! Lrg solarium, frpl, open gourmet kit. Pool, hot tub, sauna, gym, club house, security, tennis courts, storage & 2 pkg. spaces. Nr parks, hiking trails & historic downtown Pt. Richmond. Waterfront living at its best!
Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35 \$545,000



2715 Shasta, Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00-4:30

Spectacular views from nearly every rm of this beaut. 3-lvl Medit. 4 bdrms. 3 baths. Wonderful light & character. Gorgeous new master bdrm & bath w/unique glass sink & stunning views. Flexible lower lvl w/sep. entrance, bath, priv. deck. Beaut. landscaped oversized lot (10,302 sf) by landscape arch. David Johnson. Many upgrades.
Peter Damm 524-9888 x13 \$1,250,000



2314 Valley, Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Just move in & enjoy! Amazing & delightful remodel. 2 bdrm w/garage/studio on quiet cul-de-sac. Beaut. new stone frpl w/handcrafted solid cherrywood mantle & bkcase on each side. New foundation, dble-pane windows, furnace, plumbing, tankless water heater; new paint inside & out. New redwood deck overlooks lovely, secluded garden w/stone patio & hot tub.
Barbara 524-9888 x28 \$535,000



108 Ramona, El Cerrito Open Sunday, 2:00-4:30

New listing! Spacious, split-level home with 4 bdrms & 2.5 baths. Gorgeous hwd floors, mantled fireplace, tiled kitchen and baths & lots of light. Large bkyd w/fruit trees, gar. Near BART, El Cerrito Plaza & Solano shops & restaurants.
Chris & Sandy 524-9888 x54 \$675,000



320 Caldecott Ln #311, "Parkwoods" By Appointment

Beautiful, well-maintained top-floor, 2-bdrm 2-bath "Piedmont Model" w/cathedral ceilings & Bay views. 2 sep. master bdrm suites, open gourmet kit, gas frpl, 2 balconies & 2 pkg spaces. Amenities incl. pool, gym, hot tub, security & express bus to S.F. & BART. Plenty of guest parking in front of this bldg.
Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35 \$495,000



1812 Sixth Street #B, Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00-4:30

Here's a rare opportunity to own this exceptional, chic & trendy, but also warm & inviting, newer, spac. live/work loft. Free standing w/magical pvt. garden. Spectacular gourmet kit w/custom wood cabinets, Italian marble baths, bamboo flrs, skylights & extensive upgrades. Ideal for owner/artist. Seconds to upscale 4th St. shops, cafes & restaurants.
Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35 \$595,000



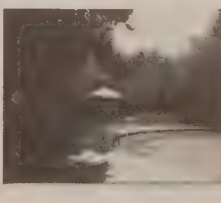
820 Kearney Street, El Cerrito Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Please visit this bright, tidy 2-bdrm home with split-level charm. Living room has refinished hardwood floors & pretty fireplace. The interior and exterior are freshly painted. Large, dedicated laundry room can multi-purpose and leads to huge yard with hot tub.
Bill & Tracy 524-9888 x33 \$475,000



832 Ramona Ave., Albany Open Sunday, 2:00-4:00

This 2-bdrm bungalow boasts a terrific floor plan. The living rm w/fireplace & hwd floors leads to the formal dining rm. Large kitchen includes breakfast rm. Separate laundry rm doubles as kitchen pantry & provides access to truly gorgeous backyard.
Bill & Tracy 524-9888 x33 \$585,000



651 Moraga Rd., #33, Moraga By Appointment

Sophisticated townhouse-style condominium in quiet, wooded complex with lovely pool. This two-story unit features 2 bdrms, 1.5 baths w/Berber carpets, new dual-paned windows/patio doors, deck and private patio. Minutes to shops, parks and exceptional schools.
Warren Lei 524-9888 x14 \$419,000

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3433 Boston Avenue

Rarely does a special home like this come on the market for sale. This light and bright 4 bedroom 1+ bath Grande Dame features spacious & gracious rooms, two fireplaces, large level fenced yard and all the old world charm you expect from a bygone era yet is just steps to shopping and freeway access.

Offered at \$700,000



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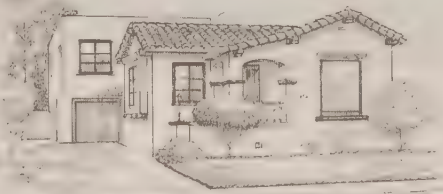
Picture yourself here! Just across the street from the desirable Hillcrest School, this sweet bungalow offers opportunity to live in the popular Rockridge neighborhood. The one bedroom, 1 bath home is a great alternative or starter home. Lovely living and dining rooms boast wood floors, fireplace and crown molding. Country kitchen with eating area, laundry and level back yard along with a garage that has been converted to an office make this a very special home waiting for you! There's also expansion plans for the basement area. W/Call

Offered at \$599,000



Donna Conroy 510-339-4723
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JUST LISTED!



2527 Castello Street \$579,000
Dimond/Fruitvale. 3 bedroom, 3 baths

Rare offering on coveted street of 30s' era Mediterraneans. Light, spacious, brimming w/character. Hardwood floors, FPL in Living room, breakfast rm, FDR, den w/French doors. Fresh paint in & out.



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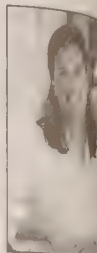
New Listing!



210 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont

This wonderful family home, built in 1925 and located in the center of one of Piedmont's most friendly and active neighborhoods, is just minutes from all schools, Lakeshore Ave. Shops, restaurants and public transportation. Four bedrooms and two baths. Gracious living room with fireplace and Bay Windows. Sunny, private garden, detached garage.

Offered at \$945,000



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1521-23 Leimert Blvd, Oakland

Art-deco duplex. Charming & spacious w/ formal living/dining rms, fireplaces. Remodeled kitchens/baths. Sunny breakfast rooms.

Both units are 2BDRM/1BATH

Offered at \$979,000



George Karsant
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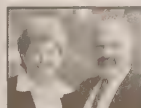
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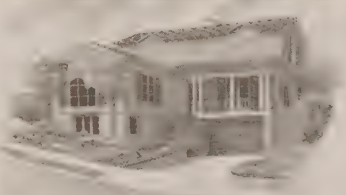
Sunny, spacious & updated 2bdrm., 1bath bungalow w/craftsman touches! Formal dining w/built-ins. Walk to North Berkeley BART

Offered at \$515,000



Kim & John Sefton
(925) 330-1985

Recently Sold



865 Walavista Avenue, Crocker Highlands

This delightful 4 bedroom, 3 bath traditional sold with 8 offers for well over the asking price.

Dian Hymer represented the sellers.

Offered at \$995,000



Dian Hymer, CRS
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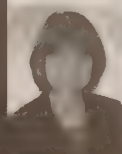
SOLD



111 Ramona

Represented the buyers. If you are thinking of selling your home & would like to find out how I can help you successfully market it, call me.

Offered at \$729,000



Carol Brown, Realtor
510 339-4736 office
510 410-0856 cell
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Located in Millsmont area, this lovely two story home with an impressive self contained one bedroom artist's loft is on the market after 20 years. The main house is a 3 BR 1 bath with 2 fireplaces and decks. Beamed high ceilings, remodeled kitchen and a spacious fenced yard defines this property. Close to freeways, shopping and the Oakland International Airport.

3940 Archmont Place, Oakland

Offered at \$629,000



Noni Robinson
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Gary Robinson
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OPEN HOUSE

1349 PARK AVENUE, ALAMEDA



3+2 Victorian with a 1/1 rental. Great East-End location ~ One block to Park St. & restaurants. Gorgeous period details throughout ~ high ceilings, fir floors, plaster medallions & decorative fireplace. Rare opportunity!

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631 Watchwood Road,
Orinda



Nancy Rothman
925.253.6209

This stunning Orindawoods patio home with customized quality & timeless details will surpass your expectations. Dramatic interior spaces blend with top of the line utility features to offer a one-of-a-kind home. Living room & separate formal dining room, both with elegant custom built-in cabinetry, gourmet "European" style kitchen, two spacious extra bedrooms plus a very special master suite. A rare opportunity!

Offered at \$1,495,000

www.NancyRothman.com
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#1 El Carmello Circle, Oakland ~ Offered at \$719,000



Diane Earl McCan
510.338.1352

Charming 3 bedroom Traditional on a desirable cul-de-sac in central Redwood Heights location. Spacious master bedroom with adjoining sitting room. Gleaming hardwood floors grace the sun-filled living room and formal dining room. Wonderful architectural detailing throughout this special home. Large eat-in kitchen. Plus room downstairs with full bath and access to rear yard, sweet side yard patio and garden. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

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NEW LISTING! ~ OPEN HOUSE, SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH, 12-4PM

1400 GRAND VIEW DRIVE

Located in sought-after Claremont Heights, this architecturally dramatic and inspiring home has amazing views of the San Francisco Bay, the Golden Gate & Bay Bridges, Angel Island & Mt. Tamalpais. This custom designed, craftsman style home features 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, a master suite w/spacious closet, detached home office, fine woodwork detailing throughout, gourmet kitchen w/vaulted ceiling, level-out front lawn, porch & deck, park-like backyard, vegetable garden, lovely mature landscaping, plans available to complete an additional lower level, Category 5 cabling, DSL, 2 car garage, and more.. Please visit www.1400GrandView.com for more info.

Offered at \$1,450,000



Patricia Scott Winslow
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1258 Sunnybills Road, Oakland

A gorgeous 1924 Classic Traditional

Offered at \$1,495,000.

Sold well over the asking price!



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624 Tahos Road,
Orinda

Offered at \$1,800,000



Nancy Rothman
925.253.6209

Stunning, Smashing, Sophisticated! Magical moderne designed by Jack Kruse, an iconic style. This secluded oasis in the hills with 4BR/3BA, gourmet kitchen, master bath, pool, mature lands, sweeping views, meditation spaces blend into a unified flow and classic, fabulous example of architecture.

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OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 19 1-4PM



5509-5511 Manila Avenue,
Oakland

Offered at \$795,000



Nancy Rothman
510.339.2169 x6209

Charming Rockridge duplex with flavor and secluded gardens. Located close to all the amenities of College BART and freeways. Upstairs are living & dining rooms, kitchen, bedrooms & one bath. Similar to has one bedroom & bath.

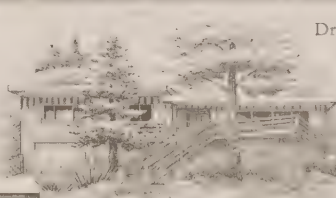
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Dramatic yet charming contemporary situated in the most magnificent setting. This one-level home among the Redwood Pines offers the tranquility of a park-like back yard, ultimate sought-after outdoor living. Three bedrooms, two baths

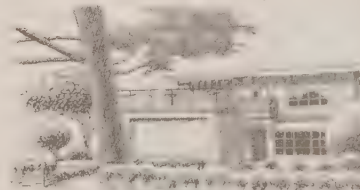


Teri Carlisle
510.338.1305

2950 Holyrood Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$749,000

JUST SOLD

6471 Ascot Drive, Oakland



Kathleen Callahan
Represented the Seller
510.338.1343

Beautiful Streamlined Moderne house in Piedmont Pines with 3+ bedrooms, 2+ baths. Originally listed at \$949,000. Sold well over the asking price!

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490 WESLEY AVENUE, OAKLAND
Offered at \$549,000. Sold with 9 offers.



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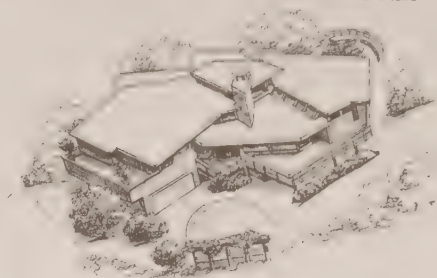
150 Regua Road, Piedmont
Offered at \$5,650,000

Newsom and Newsom masterpiece - French chateau style with incredible architectural detail. Sited on over 2/3 acre of lawns and gardens. Six bedrooms, five and one half baths, family room, San Francisco Bay views. Stunning!



Gini Erck
510.338.1339

PRICE SLASHED! SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



1725 Grand View Drive, Oakland
Now \$2,300,000

Commanding astonishing views in all directions from a hidden landscape of nearly 1.5 acres, this exquisite Wright-inspired contemporary was resurrected after the 1991 fire and is now available for the very first time. Just beyond Hiller Highlands.

NEW PIEDMONT LISTING! OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2-4:30PM



1909 Oakland Avenue, Piedmont
Offered at \$1,795,000

This classic brown shingle home is located in central Piedmont, close to schools, parks and "downtown." Its whimsically decorated interior has many period details which add old world grace yet the floor plan with separate family room is perfect for today's living. A sunny, level fenced yard wonderful for entertaining, gardening and play completes this idyllic picture. 4BR/2BA & 2 half baths, office, formal living & dining rooms, finished attic.



Nancy Moore
510.338.1302

NEW BERKELEY LISTING! OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2-4PM



919 Channing Way, Berkeley
Offered at \$469,000

Delightful home and wonderful garden! Attractive 2 bedroom, 1 bath is stylishly updated with a spacious kitchen, wainscoting in the formal dining room, and a deck in the garden plus a newer garage. Just minutes to shopping at 4th Street or a coffee at Cafe Trieste.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



PEDMONT
15 LEXFORD RD.
\$3,450,000
Magnificent French Normandy on approximately 1/2 acre of lush gardens and beautiful grounds. Five bedrooms, four baths. Georgia Cornell x1325



GLENVIEW
4753 EL CENTRO AVE.
\$799,000
New Listing! Charming 1930's Spanish style 3BR/2BA home. Updated eat-in kitchen, solarium, formal dining room. Master retreat w/den/office, patio. Garden & terrace. Cindy Houts x1364



MONTCLAIR
2950 HOLYROOD DR.
\$749,000
Dramatic yet charming 3BR/2BA contemporary in magical setting. A one-level home nestled among the redwoods with a large park-like back yard. Carla Buffington x1367

EMERYVILLE
1044 45th ST.
\$699,000
Fabulous Mediterranean Triplex in trendy Emeryville! Front Two 2BR/1BA units. Back Separate 1BR/1BA house. All are split level w/hardwood flrs, vaulted ceilings. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354



NORTH OAKLAND
680 57th ST.
\$525,000
New Listing! Charming craftsman with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Desirable North Oakland location within easy reach of just about everything. Tom Nemeth x1381



PEDMONT
1909 OAKLAND AVE.
\$1,795,000
New Listing! Classic brown shingle home located in central Piedmont. 4BR, 2BA & 2 half baths, formal living & dining rooms, family room & finished basement. Sunny, level fenced yard. Sandi Klemmer x1314



OAKLAND HILLS
13333 SLOPE CREST DR.
\$749,000
(Open 2-5)
Sunny & bright all level home w/4BR/2BA, family room w/fireplace & hardwood floors. Lovely garden, pool & nearby hiking trails. Vicki Woodhead x1334



REDWOOD HEIGHTS
#1 EL CARMELO CIR.
\$719,000
(Open 2-5)
Charming 3BR/2BA Traditional on desirable cul-de-sac. Wonderful architectural details, large eat-in kitchen, spacious master w/adjoining sitting room. Patio & garden. Diane E. McCan x1352

OAKLAND HILLS
52 HERITAGE
\$549,000
New Price! Lovely 3BR/2.5BA townhouse on tranquil cul-de-sac. Living room w/fireplace. Large dining area, crown molding, updated kitchen, patio & deck, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr x1310

BERKELEY
919 CHANNING WY.
\$469,000
New Listing! Delightful 2BR/1BA home & wonderful garden. Stylishly updated with a spacious kitchen, wainscoting in formal dining room, deck, garage. Nancy Moore x1302

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NORTH OAKLAND
667 AILEEN ST.
\$525,000
3+BR/1+BA craftsman bungalow with beautiful hardwood floors & wainscoting. Grand fireplace & built-in cabinet in dining room, kitchen with sliding glass door to deck. Tom Nemeth x1381

BERKELEY
2550 DANA ST #7C
\$250,000
(Open 2-4)
Bright & sunny 1BR/1BA in well established Senior Cooperative. Freshly painted, new carpet & appliances, views of SF, enclosed lanai. Must be 55+ years of age. Leslie Easderday x1363

BY APPOINTMENT

PEDMONT
15 LEXFORD RD.
\$3,450,000
Magnificent French Normandy on approximately 1/2 acre of lush gardens and beautiful grounds. Five bedrooms, four baths. Georgia Cornell x1325



UPPER ROCKRIDGE
\$819,000
Darling duplex in desirable neighborhood. Newly remodeled kitchen and baths. Each unit is 1BR/1BA. Nice backyard and covered porch. Close to schools, parks, shopping & transportation. Dee Knowland x1318

REDWOOD HEIGHTS
\$625,000
Traditional 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with sunny spacious rooms and dynamic bay views. Remodeled kitchen with classic O'Keefe & Merritt range, formal dining room, deck & yard. Dick Cohen x1308

SAN LEANDRO
\$499,000
Sweet 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on a lovely street in the Broadmoor area. Family room with fireplace, living room with fireplace, hardwood floors, attached garage, yard and patio. Approx. 1400 sq. ft. Joan E. Hause x1358

PEDMONT
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\$3,450,000
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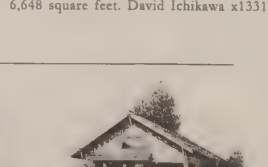
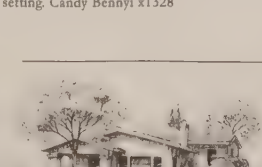
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Try this at home: Getting that 'ballpark pattern'

BY BUZZ BERTOLERO
THE DIRT GARDENER

Q. How would I go about putting a pattern on my front lawn similar to what you see at a ballpark or on a golf course? I think it looks really cool. Do you basically cut the grass twice and alter the mowing height?

A. Alternating the mowing patterns will certainly improve the appearance of your lawn, but you can't expect your lawn to match the dramatic patterns on sports fields seen on TV.

Most homeowners use a rotary type mower to cut their grass. You can get a somewhat similar appearance, with a rotary mower but it will be much less dramatic.

Professional grounds managers use special reel-type mowers with rollers to lay the turf over to create the highly visible patterns. Essentially, the mower blades cut the turf and "comb" it in the direction the mower is moving.

The different shades of green in the stripes are due to the fact that the leaf blades are lying in opposite directions. This allows the turf surface to either reflect or absorb sunlight.

The grass blades laying down in the direction away from you appear lighter, while the blades with their tips pointed toward you appear darker. Most sports fields are blends of bluegrass and/or ryegrass while fescue is the dominant variety planted in residential areas.

The bluegrass and ryegrass grass are narrow bladed and bend easily while fescue is a very stiff bladed turf that doesn't lay over well. You should determine the pattern you want to create before you begin mowing. An important feature of every design is consistent line width.

When beginning a new pattern,

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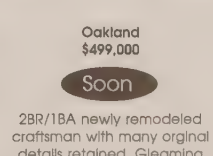
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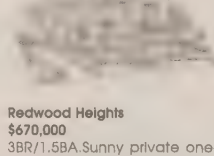
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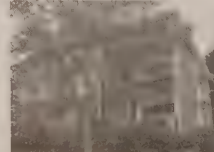
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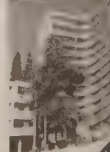
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target until you are at the end of your pass. In larger turf areas, it is good to rotate among four patterns: back and forth east-west, back and forth north-south, diagonal southwest-northeast, and diagonal southeast-southwest. In long, narrow, awkward areas, even alternating between two patterns will help reduce tire tracks and makes your lawn look better. It can be much more difficult in small areas, particularly those that are long and narrow and planted with trees.

Q. Why do the red flowers on my indoor, blooming cactus drop off so quickly? They are gone within a day or two. What am I doing wrong as my friend's plant blooms for several weeks?

A. I'd suspect that the plant is somewhere near a bowl or basket of apples, bananas, or other fruits. These fruits release a naturally occurring gas called ethylene. The ethylene gas ages flowers quickly and causes them to drop off prematurely. This is also a problem with

cut flowers, especially carnations. The centers of the petals curl up and become distorted.

Q. I understand that palm trees are actually grow in reverse. Many years ago, I was told that the root structure of a palm is what we see on top and its leaves are in the ground. Please correct me if I'm wrong?

A. Some one was either pulling your leg and/or just uninformed. The information is false beside not making much sense. The leaves of

all plants process sunlight and turn it into food. This process is called Photosynthesis.

The roots gather water and nutrients from the soil and serve as the plumbing system, delivering it to the leaves.

Roots have one other function and that is to stabilize the plant so it doesn't fall over.

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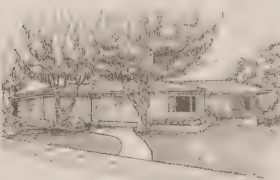
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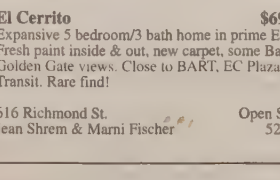
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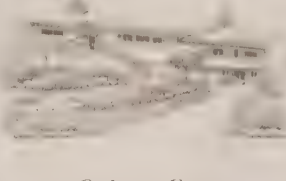
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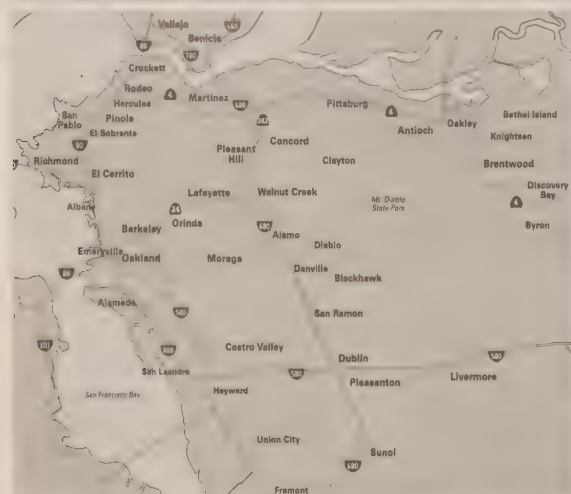
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\$639,000	1244 Ordway	3bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty
\$649,000	1318 Poe Street	2BD/2BA Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors
\$649,000	1536 - 62nd St	2-Unit Sun 2-4 Thornwall Properties
\$649,000	2447 California St	4-Plex Open Sun. 2-4 Red Oak Realty

Berkeley		
\$679,000	3120 Deakin St	3BD/1.5BA Open Sun. 1-4 Red Oak Realty
\$729,000	1100 Sutter	2BD/2BA Sun 2-4 Marvin Gardens
\$729,000	876 Hilldale	2bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential
\$749,000	1335 La Loma	2BD/1.5BA Sat 2-5/Sun2-6 Prudential
\$769,000	1231-35 Gilman St.	4BD/3+BA Sat & Sun 2-5 Caldwell Banker
\$798,000	54 Colorado Ave	2+BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30pm Marvin Gardens
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\$850,000	717 Spruce Street	3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.
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\$895,000	430 Panoramic Way	2+BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.
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\$985,000	747 Creston Rd	3BD/2.5BA Open Sun. 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty
\$995,000	2736 Webster Street	3+BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.
\$1,095,000	974 Santa Barbara Rd.	5BD/3BA Sun 2-5 Caldwell Banker
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\$1,195,000	16 Roble Road	1+BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.
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\$1,395,000	817 Mendocino	3+BD/2.5BA Open Sun. 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty
\$1,399,000	2919 Fulton St	4BD/3BA Sat & Sun 1:30-4:30 Fourplex
\$1,400,000	2156 Ward St.	5BD/4BA Sun 2-5 Caldwell Banker
\$1,580,000	1831 San Juan	6++bd/2.5ba Sun 2-5pm Berkeley Hills RE
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\$399,500	1750 Liberty St #3	Open Sun 2-4pm Coldwell Bankers
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\$539,000	1344 Norwell St	Sun 2-4pm Red Oak Realty
\$539,000	7315 Gladys Ave	Sun 2-4:30pm Red Oak Realty
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\$589,000	236 Carmel Ave	Sun 2-5pm Red Oak Realty
\$619,000	219 Colusa	Sun 1:30-1 Caldwell Banker
\$639,000	1740 Walnut St	Sun 2-4:30pm Red Oak RE
\$649,000	1313 Naville St.	Sat & Sun 1-4 Caldwell Banker
\$649,000	7010 Manila	Sun 1:30-4pm Red Oak Realty
\$675,000	108 Ramona	Sun 2-4:30 Berkeley Hills RE
\$699,000	616 Richmond St	Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens
\$899,000	1225 Contra Costa Ave	Sun 2-4 Berkeley Hills RE
\$1,175,000	8341 Kent Court	Open Sun 1-4 Prudential California Realty
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\$699,000	1044 46th Street	Sun 2-4:30 TRIPLEX
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\$119,000	29423 Middleborough	Sun 1-4 Mobile Home
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\$570,000	1759 Catalpa Ct.	Sat & Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.
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\$599,000	124 Toyet Ct	Sun 2-5 Marvin Gardens
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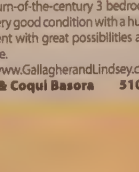
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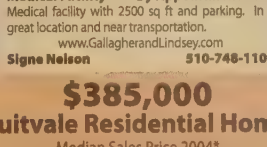
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Fishing

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and catfish, black bass and perch can be had at Holland Tract, Big Break and Discovery Bay. Anglers are using clams and mackerel for catfish, minicrawlers and wax worms for perch and minnows, plastics and nightcrawlers for black bass. Sturgeon are still being caught on grass shrimp, ghost shrimp and pile worms at Chain Island, Broad Slough, the Power Lines and Big and Little Cut. Striped bass are being had at Big Break, Sherman Lake and Decker Island on shad, Rat-L-Traps and sardines. A few keepers are also being caught at the Antioch Pier.

Philip Cuspad of Antioch caught a 2.75-pound black bass on worms at Warrenson's Harbor and Doyle Rich of Antioch caught a 5-pound black bass on worms. Steve Lawson of Brentwood caught a 63-inch, 65-pound sturgeon on the Sacramento River on frozen shad. Joel Leaser caught a 71-inch, 80-pound sturgeon on ghost shrimp on the Sacramento River. Russ Pipkin of Antioch caught a 30-pound sturgeon on grass shrimp on the Sacramento River and Dutra caught a 40-pound sturgeon on the Sacramento River on ghost shrimp. Erma Baker of Antioch caught a 7-pound striped bass on sardines.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VAL-

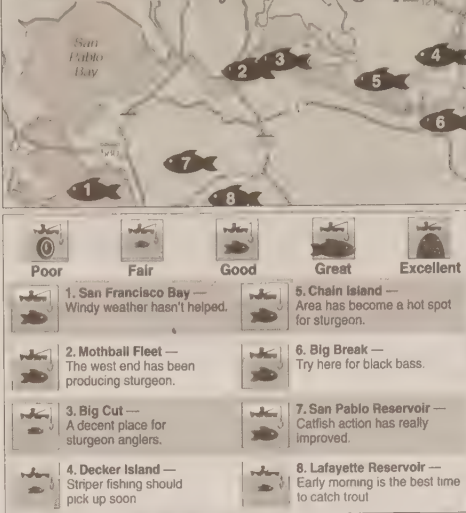
LEY: The staff at Lake Chabot reported that trout fishing is winding down with the lake temperature rising. The morning is the best time to fish for trout. Fishing from shore using PowerBait is the best way to go at Alder Point, Coots Landing and the dam.

Bass action is improving with many anglers catching them all over the lake using plastics. Hot spots were by the island, Bass Cove, Alder Point and Honker Bay. Several good-size catfish were also caught by trolling in Half Moon Bay.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The staff at Los Vaqueros said anglers fishing for trout used Pautzke Salmon Eggs in combination with a nightcrawler. PowerBait also worked well. The best locations were the cove to the right of Oak Point and the South Cove. Getting far enough from shore is important. Using lures from the shore doesn't seem to be producing many catches right now.

Trolling remains the easiest way to catch trout limits or near-limits. Depths vary based on time of day and temperature but early morning boaters have reported limits using Kastmasters in the 1/4-ounce size. Rapalas with some added weight have netted a fair amount of fish as well. For bass, use an aggressive approach any time of day. Peninsula Cove, the Sunken Oak Tree Cove and the Rock Wall are good places to try. Try trolling near the dam for stripers.

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE: The staff at Lake Del Valle said the trout bite is still hot with limits being caught on pink and white turbo dough and yellow PowerBait. Use the orange Power Eggs with a nightcrawler to entice the big ones. Emie Martinez and

Jeff Bernacil managed to bring in limits of trout while fishing from the narrows in a rental boat.

For bass, anglers should use 3/4-ounce double gold blades with Chartreuse and white in the morning and mid-day, then switch to black and white with silver blades in

the late afternoon and evenings. Look for structure along the shoreline and get ready to set the hook. Boat anglers are catching them from the north end of Swallow Bay all the way to the dam.

The catfish bite is hot with limits being caught nearly all over the lake. Look for them in deep channels and shallow coves. Chicken liver, anchovies and nightcrawlers are working well. The crappie are most active when there is three consecutive days of warm weather in the 90s. Bluegill, wax worms, nightcrawlers and red worms are the baits to use for these fish.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: The staff at San Pablo Reservoir said nearly all the trout caught this week were pulled in on Chartreuse or rainbow PowerBait. Significant amounts were caught at Pinto Point and from the main recreation area. Trout anglers looking to bait fish from shore this time of year need to get their fishing poles in the water early. Trout are initially attracted to smell, so be sure to use bait with a strong enough scent to draw them close. Trolling for trout is still working but anglers will need to take steps to get deeper. Try the mouth of Scow Canyon or near the Tower.

Catching trout were Joe Troche of El Sobrante (5 pounds, 10 ounces) at Pinto Point on Chartreuse PowerBait, Michael Saechao (5 pounds, 6 ounces) on rainbow

PowerBait from near the dam (4 pounds) from the lower end of the dam.

Bass are biting, but the lure or bait Reports that bass have hit worms, Rat-L-Traps and PowerBait.

The ones that seem to be coming from the most part of the number of 20 pounds or more. They seem to be responsible for chovies, chicken liver and even mackerel. Scow Canyon is definitely the place to catch fish.

Crappie are still hitting launch, but the bite has been some. Try coming after late afternoon or early morning. Mini-Jigs in smoke are still doing fish.

Calendar

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will host a girls soccer clinic 5:30-8 p.m. July 18-21 at the college fields, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. Open to ages 7-14. \$65. Benefits the Contra Costa College women's soccer team. Call for registration form. Felicia Perez, 510-235-7800 ext. 4405 or fperez@contracosta.edu.

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Dublin High School - Looking for varsity and junior varsity girls volleyball coaches and freshman boys basketball coach. Shawn McHugh, 925-833-3305 or mchughshawn@dublin.k12.ca.us.

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Benicia High School - Needs coaches for junior varsity and varsity football for the upcoming season. Craig Holden, 707-748-2957 or 707-342-8620.

Northgate High School - Needs varsity/junior varsity water polo coaches for the girls and boys teams. Walnut Creek. For girls, Eric Weber, eweber@nhsd.net; for boys, Chris Seely, 925-939-2755 or fseely@astound.net. For boys, Jim McClelland, jmccllelland@mdm-architects.com; Chris Seely.

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 ... a couple of hilarious scenes, but
 ... the premise wears very
 ... M. Pols. (R: language.) 1
 ... 30 minutes. C+

THE BEGINNINGS: Director
 ... Nolan supplies the back-
 ... behind not just the Batmobile,
 ... very psyche of the Caped
 ... Devil. The story starts slow
 ... and gets bogged down in
 ... logical drive before turning
 ... a very dark and fun action movie.

Christian Bale is a natural, just weird
enough to be the best Batman yet,
and the strong supporting cast in-
cludes a lovely turn by Michael Caine
as the trusted butler Alfred, as well as
Morgan Freeman as gadget man Lucius
Fox. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense ac-
tion violence, disturbing images and
some thematic elements.) 2
hours, 10 minutes. B+

"BROTHERS": A beautifully intense
film about two brothers who have
grown used to playing familial roles
— one the black sheep, the other the
good boy. After Michael, the dutiful
military man, is believed killed in
Afghanistan, those roles shift unex-
pectedly. With Connie Nielsen ("Gla-
diator") as his luminous wife. (In Dan-
ish with subtitles.) — M. Pols. (R:
violence, language, brief nudity.) 1
hour, 50 minutes. A-

"CINDERELLA MAN": An out-of-sea-
son treat. Russell Crowe is in Oscar-
worthy form as the humble boxer Jim
Braddock, who, like Seabiscuit, pro-
vided inspiration for Americans during
the Depression. The film was directed
by Ron Howard, whose interest in in-
spiration tends to grate. Yes, this is,
like "A Beautiful Mind," an inspira-
tional story, but Howard excels in
telling of Braddock's gloomier times;
that's the material that sticks and,
thankfully, it's never maudlin. Paul Gi-
amatti is winning in the role of Brad-
dock's trainer, with Renee Zellweger
as the boxer's devoted wife. — M. Pols.
(PG-13: intense boxing violence,
some language.) 2 hours, 22 min-
utes. A-

"CRASH": In the course of 24 hours,
a group of Los Angeles residents
wrestles with the demons of racism.
Writer/director Paul Haggis (screen-
writer of "Million Dollar Baby") wants
to provoke a serious discourse, a no-
ble goal. But the movie is heavy-
handed, and, despite some brilliant
scenes and strong acting from a
great ensemble, is riddled with mis-
takes, particularly coincidences that
border on the absurd. Ultimately,
Haggis insults his audience by as-
suming he has to instruct us on
everything about racism, as if merely
to be alive in America today weren't
already a primer. Still, flaws and all,
well worth seeing. — M. Pols. (R: lan-
guage, sexual content, some lan-
guage.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

**"ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN
THE ROOM":** An eye-opening film
that puts the whole Enron scandal
into focus. One that will likely have

you stomping about afterward in
righteous indignation at the crimes
perpetrated by these corporate
swindlers. Cleverly done, too, with a
terrific soundtrack. — M. Pols. (NR) 1
hour, 49 minutes. B+

"HIGH TENSION": In this French
slasher flick, two students go to a
country house to study but instead
find a sex-crazed ogre with a big knife.
The plot is simple and effective, but
the gore is practically photographic in
its grossness. And the whole thing is
rendered nearly unwatchable by a
money-grubbing decision to dub
much of it into English (using the
world's worst voice actors), presum-
ably for the teen crowd, which couldn't
possibly be bothered to read subtitles.
— M. Pols. (R: graphic bloody killings,
terror, sexual content and language.) 1
hour, 25 minutes. D+

**"THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO
THE GALAXY":** Since Douglas
Adams came up with the core story
for this series in 1978, it has evolved
from a radio play to a series of no-
vels, a TV show and more. Serious
fans may have quibbles, but as a
newcomer, I found this bit of comic
science fiction witty, silly (in a good
way) and cheering. A good-natured
space romp for the whole family. —
M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements, ac-
tion and mild language.) B+

"THE HONEYMOONERS": Despite a
valiant attempt to bring the Kramdens
and Nortons into the 21st century
with a new twist — an all-black cast
— this remake of the 1950s sitcom
still feels woefully outdated. Do we re-
ally want to sit through the incessant
and inane bickering of the Kramdens
or, for that matter, watch Ralph
(Cedric the Entertainer) embroiled in
a series of unfunny quests to get rich
quick? Mike Epps makes a sweet Ed
Norton and John Leguizamo extracts
the precious few laughs in this dull
enterprise. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some
innuendo and rude humor.) 1 hour,
29 minutes. D

"HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE": This
animated film, which boasts emo-
tional depth and mind-bending visu-
als, is mostly for adults. But by all
means take the kids, even though
they may have a hard time following
the plot. The wizard Howl (Christian
Bale) lives in an ambulatory home
with a door that opens into any num-
ber of exits, including both sides of
an ominously brewing war. Along the
way, Howl's haunt picks up a strag-
gler, Sophie (Emily Mortimer), a

youngster transformed into an elderly
woman who manages to help end the
war, and reclaim Howl's lost soul and
her own innocence. Other voice
artists include Lauren Bacall and Billy
Crystal. — D. Krome. (PG: frighten-
ing images, brief mild language.) 1
hour, 58 minutes. B+

"THE INTERPRETER": An old-fash-
ioned thriller from director Sydney
Pollack, the film is intelligently plot-
ted, well-acted and of timely subject
matter, but so diligent, it feels less ex-
citing than it ought. Nicole Kidman
plays a United Nations interpreter
who overhears an assassination plot,
which coincidentally involves the
despot who rules her (fictional) native
land in Africa. Sean Penn is the Se-
cret Service agent who doesn't know
whether to frisk her or fall in love with
her. Kidman is marvelous, but Penn is
burdened by an unnecessary back
story, and they lack chemistry. — M.
Pols. (PG-13: violence, some sexual
content and brief strong language.) 2
hours, 8 minutes. B-

"KICKING & SCREAMING": Will Fer-
rell's performance as a coach who
whips a team of pre-adolescent soc-
cer misfits into shape is bright
enough to light up an overly familiar
feel-good story. He has the ability to
generate sudden flashes of humor,
such as when his character, a reluc-
tant youth league soccer coach, is
experiencing long-suppressed rage at
his father (Robert Duval), a bullying
man who coaches a far more suc-
cessful squad. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG:
crude humor, language.) 1 hour, 35
minutes. B

"KING OF THE CORNER": This is a
movie about many things: marriage,
raising children, work, aging parents,
infidelity. Peter Riegert stars as Leo,
whose job and relationships with his
wife (Isabella Rossellini) and dad (Eli
Wallach) are about to be tested. It all
comes to a head at a funeral
presided over by a rabbi who seems
to have studied religion at the
Chuckie Hut. There is a pleasing elu-
siveness to "King," a sense that we
might have gotten a completely dif-
ferent picture of these characters if we'd
run into them at a different time. —
C. Hewitt. (R: language.) 1 hour, 33 min-
utes. B

"KONTROLL": Focusing on a gaggle
of misfits, the least impressive of the
gangline crews that patrol the Bu-
dapest subway system, "Kontroll"
could easily be a trenchant allegory
for modern Eastern Europe if its di-

OPENING TODAY

"THE DEAL" (R)
Christian Slater plays an investment
banker who gets involved with a
young idealist (Selma Blair) at his
firm during a major oil company
merger.

"DEEP BLUE" (G)
Pierce Brosnan narrates this docu-
mentary about the natural history of
the oceans.

"HAPPILY EVER AFTER" (NR)
Three Frenchmen struggle with the
idea of fidelity and commitment.

"MY SUMMER OF LOVE" (R)

A working-class tomboy meets an
exotic rich girl, and the two share a
summer romance.

"THE PERFECT MAN" (PG)
A teenager (Hilary Duff) tires of her
single mother's (Heather Locklear)
turbulent love life and invents a
mystery suitor to distract her. With
Chris Noth.

"A TOUT DE SUITE" (NR)
A young French woman falls in love
with a Moroccan bank robber and
joins him on a trip across Europe.

rector wanted to go that way. But
Nimrod Antal is seduced by his
ragged characters and their daily ex-
istential force. Full of beguiling char-
acters and plot lines that don't always
fit, the movie veers into a cynicism
that is poorly disguised as comedy.
— T. Burr. (R: language, some vio-
lence, brief sexuality; in Hungarian
with subtitles.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B-

"KUNG FU HUSTLE": Writer-director-
star Stephen Chow has created a hy-
per-animate fantasy world that honors
kung fu movies as it satirizes them,
and the similarities between it and a
cartoon are entirely intentional. He
samples classic comedy and neo-
pop-inflected sci-fi to come up with
something that looks like the Marx
Brothers meet "The Matrix." — B.
Newman. (R: strong stylized action,
violence; in Cantonese and Mandarin
with subtitles.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B

"LADIES IN LAVENDER": A medita-
tion on loneliness and missed oppor-
tunities that urges us, gently, to live a
little. The great actresses Judi Dench
and Maggie Smith play elderly sisters
who discover a young Polish man
(Daniel Bruhl) washed up on the
shore near their Cornwall cottage
sometime between the Great Wars.
Each becomes possessive of him
and they bicker mightily over his
care. With Natasha McElhone as a
beautiful Russian artist who en-
croaches on their territory. — M. Pols.
(PG-13: brief strong language.) 1
hour, 43 minutes. B-

"LAYER CAKE": Another British
movie about a gangster itching to get
out of the business, stymied by "one
last job." Fast-paced and glamorous
in the most boring way, its chief rea-
son for being is as a showcase for
Daniel Craig, a potential new James
Bond. Given that he keeps us semi-
interested in a tired bit of formula, he
may have what that job requires. —
M. Pols. (R: strong brutal violence,
sexuality, nudity, pervasive language,
drug use.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C-

"THE LONGEST YARD": An eighth-
grade sense of humor isn't necessarily
a horrible thing, but when you com-
bine that with willful stupidity and laz-
iness behind the camera, you get this
painfully unnecessary remake. The
film, about a former NFL star (origi-
nally Burt Reynolds, Adam Sandler
this time) who goes to prison and or-
ganizes a team of convicts to play
football against the sadistic guards,
takes every joke and exaggerates it
until it's no longer funny. With Chris
Rock. — C. Vognar. (PG-13: language,
violence, sexual content, crude hu-
mor.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. D

"LORDS OF DOGTOWN": Hormones
and excitement keep "Lords" flowing
fast and furious, even though the film
on the Z-Bos, a crew of Venice teens
who brought a low-down, surf-in-
spired aesthetic to skateboarding,
can't quite sustain this adrenaline to
the finish. Although Heath Ledger
turns in a vivid and revelatory per-
formance, the energetic film eventually
finds itself mired in forced drama.
— C. Vognar. (PG-13: drug and alcohol
content, sexuality, violence, language)

and reckless behavior, all involving
teens.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B+

"MADAGASCAR": DreamWorks' lat-
est computer-animation suffers from
narrative and character malnutrition,
but has enough wordplay, visual
gags and character nonsense to
keep us chuckling and occasionally
roaring. A hippo, giraffe and lion give
chase when their friend Marty the ze-
bra (Chris Rock) escapes the Central
Park Zoo. They wind up washed
ashore on a tropical island, where they
befriend a tribe of partying
lemurs and face Alex the lion's
emerging carnivorous instincts. — R.
Butler. (PG: mild language, crude hu-
mor and some thematic elements.) 1
hour, 25 minutes. C+

"MAD HOT BALLROOM": This docu-
mentary follows several teams of pre-
adolescent student dancers from
New York as they train for the nerve-
racking competition that caps the
American Ballroom Theater's "Danc-
ing Classrooms" program. There's in-
herent drama built into any contest,
and the filmmakers make the most of
the fact — without milking it for cheap
sentiment — that there will not just be
winners, but losers. — M. O'Sullivan.
(PG: some mild references to sex and
violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"MONSTER-IN-LAW": Jane Fonda,
returning to film after 15 years, plays
the little character, a TV journalist who
can't bear the idea of her precious
dillard of a son (Michael Vartan) mar-
rying a vapid temptress (Jennifer Lopez).
She does what she can to stop the
wedding, with the warring help of
her embarrassingly stereotypical
African-American sidekick (Wanda
Sykes). J.Lo fights back. Ugly, dumb
slapstick ensues. Every character is
inconsistent and/or irritating, although
Fonda almost holds her own. — M.
Pols. (PG-13: sex references and lan-
guage.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. D+

"MR. & MRS. SMITH": Brad Pitt and
Angelina Jolie face off in this high-
gloss, high-caliber domestic squab-
ble. Husband and wife are both as-
sassins, but it's only after John Smith
tries to kill the same bad guy his wife
is gunning for that they learn each
other's secret. The great screen
chemistry between Pitt and Jolie and
the movie's treatment of marriage as
the ultimate form of combat makes it
the entertaining bauble it is. — B.
Newman. (PG-13: violence, sex, par-
tial nudity.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"MYSTERIOUS SKIN": Two boys, at
18, remember very different formative
traumas from when they were 8. In-
cidentally gay Neil was mostly thrilled
to get his coach's "special attention"
while Brian is sure he was abducted
by aliens for five otherwise unac-
countable hours. "Skin" shows a
deep compassion and almost deli-
cate imagination, but the subject —
pederasty and how that affects its
young victims' development — could
alarm some viewers. — B. Strauss.
(Not rated: sex, children in jeopardy,
nudity, language, violence, drug use.)
1 hour, 39 minutes. B+

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Bale makes 'Batman' role his own

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

AS BILLIONAIRE playboy Bruce Wayne points out about his alter ego, Batman, "a guy who dresses up in a bat suit has got to have some issues." He's right of course, and "Batman Begins," directed by youthful talent Christopher Nolan, is all about those issues, which run the gamut from an abandonment complex to an intense fear of, of all things, bats.

When Bruce (played by Christian Bale) delivers this line, he's lolling indolently in a chair, drink in hand and a pair of scantily clad models close by. In order to maintain his secret identity of Caped Crusader, Bruce does his best to act spoiled, arrogant and dimwitted, like a male Paris Hilton. Bale is wonderfully smirky in these scenes; indeed it's a tossup to say which he's better at playing—a deliberate jerk or the threatening, growling man in the bat suit.

That's heartening, because the first of the three personas Bale has to portray—the lost young man on a quest—is a bit of a drip, and until he's gone, "Batman Begins" moves rather slowly. That's not to say that his development into Batman isn't a blast to watch, from his discovery of the future Batmobile (a tank developed for military use by Lucius Fox, played by the ever nimble Morgan Freeman) to constructing Batman's outfit, with the help of his loving butler Alfred (the even more nimble Michael Caine). But some rather tedious exposition bogs the story down initially.

As we know, Bob Kane's creation was tragically orphaned as a young boy, which formed the basis for his crime-fighting future. In this, the fourth big-budget Batman feature film, Nolan and co-screenwriter David S. Goyer take us back to the brutal slaying of Bruce's parents at the hands of a street person, which young Bruce witnesses.

The boy blames himself. If he



THE GLOOMY, intimidating persona of Christian Bale makes for a well-cast Batman in "Batman Begins," which also stars Katie Holmes, below left, as Bruce Wayne's love interest.

MOVIE REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Batman Begins"

■ **STARRING:** Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Katie Holmes, Gary Oldman, Rutger Hauer, Morgan Freeman

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (intense action violence, disturbing images, some thematic elements)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 10 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens at midnight tonight in select theaters, then wider on Wednesday

■ **GRADE:** B+

■ **ONLINE:** See the trailer for "Batman Begins" at ContraCostaTimes.com.

hadn't been spooked by the production of Arrigo Boito's "Mefistofele" they'd taken him to, they wouldn't have been in that dark alley in gloomy down-

town Gotham in the first place. Moreover, Bruce wanted to leave the opera because it featured devilish creatures resembling bats, which he has feared since falling into a cave on the Wayne estate filled with them.

Actually, the strangely calm and creepy Dr. Wayne (Linus Roache) seems more to blame. He's the kind of guy who fancies himself better in a crisis than he actually is. We even suspect Dad may have deliberately taken his young son to this particular opera as a lesson in stoicism. Having fished Bruce out of the pit in the earth, he admonished the child, who had a broken arm, for crying and advised him to learn from his fall. Later, his last words to his son are not "I love you," but rather an order to not be afraid. No wonder Batman has issues.

Bruce's next significant tutor in life doesn't do much to heal

his damaged psyche. The mysterious Henri Ducard (Liam Neeson) plucks Bruce from a Tibetan prison—where his confusing journey to study the criminal mind has stalled—and trains him in martial and dark arts while taunting him about his fears. Henri is a god-awful part, and only an actor such as Neeson—who has already lived through George Lucas' "The Phantom Menace"—could give it a modicum of credibility.

Henri's intention is to get Bruce to "join the path of the League of Shadows," which is not, as it turns out, Little League for juvenile delinquents, but some sort of ancient vigilante group, responsible for no less than the sacking of Rome. While vigilantism does have its appeal for Bruce, he's had a number of stern lectures opposing it from the girl he loves, a straight-arrow district attorney named Rachel

(Katie Holmes, beautiful, but as sanctimonious and smug with Bruce as she was with Dawson on "Dawson's Creek"). Thus resistant to the lure of the League, he sets out to become a one-man crime-fighting machine.

The evolution of the contemporary superhero movie is a study in how eager we are for technologically enhanced nostalgia.

The plot is understood to be extraneous, which explains how we can feel fine about not understanding the specifics of why a micro vaporizer and a canvas sack present such a dire threat to Gotham. What we want is to see these superdudes preen in their outfits, play with their gadgets, knock the bad guys around and crack a few jokes. Our expectations are actually quite low.

But Nolan, best known for his breakthrough hit "Memento," gives us plenty of what we want, dressed up with a strong supporting cast (including Murphy as a villainous scary as Dr. Wayne's giant look that harks back to Burton's 1989 "Batman").

Moreover, Bale is an offbeat indie movie star. He's got a natural His Guy persona as Batman, a part of Bruce Wayne, and an expression of rage; it's a pull-on, but joying it.

Now that we've made it all makes sense, spoofing this essential part, but Bale makes Batman to date.

Reach Mary F. Pols at mpols@costatimes.com, 945-4741.

Reviews

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■ **"SAVING FACE":** This amiable romantic comedy follows Wil, a Chinese-American woman who attempts to carry on a cautious affair with Vian. Complicating things is Wil's homophobic mother (Joan Chen), who discovers she is pregnant at 48 and, disgraced, moves in with Wil. The movie is at its weakest when it succumbs to sentimental sitcom conventions, and unfortunately, it forfeits its credibility at a wedding finale with a series of instant solutions. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations, brief nudity.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B-

■ **"SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL":** This overwhelming documentary follows Canadian Lt. Gen. Romeo Dallaire's return to Rwanda in 2004 and explains what happened in 1994, when he was the U.N. general in charge of trying to keep the peace there. How and why he was pre-

vented from doing that job is a powerful, chilling case study in what can happen to a man who tries to do the right thing by standing up to absolute evil, but who is forced to do so by, in effect, shaking hands with the devil. — K. Turan. (Not rated: shots of corpses, individuals being killed.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. A-

■ **"SIN CITY":** Shot in black-and-white, this movie springs off the screen just as the noir comic books by Frank Miller it is adapted from. So visually exciting that you can't turn away, even when all that's happening on-screen is the relentless reduction of skull and brain matter into pulp. So cool it could almost give you frostbite. Star-studded, but also deliberately offensive, pointless and emotionally hollow; it's about nothing at all, serving only as a celebration of violence. — M. Pols. (R: extreme violence, language, sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B-

■ **"SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS":** It may sound like a cousin

to "The Ya-Ya Sisterhood," but this "Sisterhood" is much better. Based on the popular teen novel of the same name, it stars Alexis Bledel (of "Gilmore Girls") and others as four dear friends who share a pair of jeans that magically fit them all. The movie confronts issues young people can relate to: image anxiety, melding families in the age of divorce and how cynicism hampers the heart. — M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements, some sensuality, language.) 2 hours. B+

■ **"STAR WARS: EPISODE III — REVENGE OF THE SITH":** To see George Lucas finally knit together his six-part "Star Wars" saga is an unexpectedly moving experience. He's still clumsy in the human interaction department, and Anakin Skywalker's (Hayden Christensen) transition to the dark side is a little quick, but we feel it. May be too sad and disturbing for youngsters. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sci-fi violence, intense images.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. B

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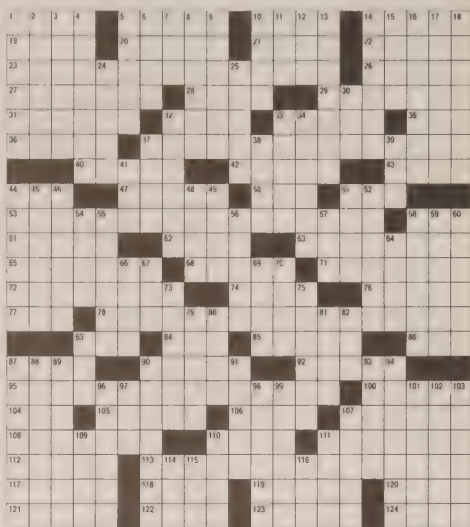
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AURORA PLAYHOUSE — "The Case of Mrs. A. Lincoln," 7:30 p.m. Barefoot Playhouse Theatre Company presents a play by Richard Caufield exploring the life and death of Mary Todd Lincoln, the first woman to be executed by hanging. \$10 general admission and students. 510-443-4822 or www.auroretheatre.com.

AURORA THEATRE COMPANY — "The Sandh Night," June 23 through July 3. Carol Wolf's play about a woman who finds the story of a concentration camp inmate in 1943, who was last chance for freedom before the train begins moving. Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$15.

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PERFORMANCES — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless noted.

Grand Kabuki Theater of Japan — June 17 and 18, 8 p.m. 17-member, all-male troupe performs the tragic story of Sonezaki Shinju (The Love at Sonezaki) and the tragic play "Boshiki" (Tied).

Grand Kabuki Theater of Japan, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, 510-841-6500 or www.shotgunplayers.org.

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University of California, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATRE — "Othello," June 4 through July 3. A performance of Shakespeare's tragic romance. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m.; Saturday matinee June 25, 2 p.m.

\$30 to \$55 general; \$25 to \$55 seniors; \$10 to \$55 youth ages 4 to 16. Bruns Memorial Amphitheater, 100 Gateway Blvd., Orinda. 510-548-9666 or www.calshakes.org.

SHOTGUN PLAYERS — "Arabian Night," June 2 through July 10. The U.S. premiere of German playwright Roland Schimmelpfennig's fantasy/urban thriller, where on a hot summer night in a Berlin apartment building, five tenants experience unexpected and mythic nightmares. Thursday through Sunday, 8 p.m. \$10 to \$30.

Opening — "The Pawn," June 21 through July 6. This mimed play created by members of the San Francisco-based Kinetic Theory Experimental Theatre is a dark comedy featuring three performers and a musician in which a lost and isolated lunatic reflects on the man he once was. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 p.m. \$10.

The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-6500 or www.shotgunplayers.org.

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18 Ones proceeding in the dark?

24 Navel type

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30 Early 11th-century year

32 Team that plays home games in Westwood

33 Clark who sang "Poor, Poor Pitiful Me"

34 Bouillabaisse ingredients

37 Sci (college dept.)

38 Pizazz

39 County name in nine former Confederate states

41 "The Law" (Edward G. Robinson flick)

44 Breakfast container

45 Melodic passage

46 Former Toyota

48 1998 Sarah

49 Army N.C.O.

51 Bowled over

52 On cloud nine

54 Somewhat

55 Alan of "Growing Pains"

56 "Heavens"

57 Asian carrier, in brief

58 Sacred scrolls

59 Oktoberfest toast

60 One of the Finger Lakes

64 Montego or Grand Marquis, for short

66 Scottish refusals

67 Sea eagle

69 Beams

70 It's available at a "T" sign

73 "Hogan's Heroes" setting

75 Properly

79 City NE of Venice

80 D.C. group

81 "Would _ _ _"

82 Immigrant's class: Abbr.

83 U.S. driver's assignment

87 Kind of soup, in Southern cookery

88 Big oaf

89 Barnstormed

90 1990's White House occupant

91 Induction motor inventor

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94 Sharply reproves a hammer

97 Tom Clancy subj.

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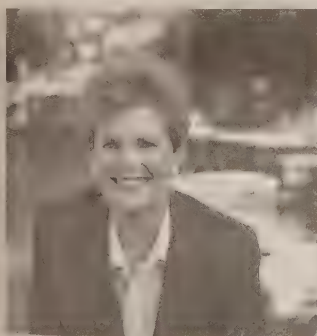
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Kotoja, June 18, 9:30 p.m. \$11 to \$13. Swamp Coolers, June 21, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. \$9.

Merle Kessler, Joshua Brody, Michael Ward with Dogs and Fishes, June 22, 9 p.m. \$10.

Moh Alliche with Danse Maghreb, June 24, 9 p.m. \$13 general; \$11 students. Jai Uttal and the Pagan Love Orchestra, June 25, 9 p.m. \$15 general; \$13 students.

Asheba, June 26, 3 p.m. \$6 general; \$4 children.

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■ **FREIGHT AND SALVAGE** — Jennifer Berezan, June 17, \$19.50 to \$20.50.

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Slaid Cleaves, June 19, \$17.50 to \$18.50.

Garnet Rogers, June 21, \$17.50 to \$18.50.

Jez Lowe and James Keelaghan, June 22, \$17.50 to \$18.50.

Carol Denney, June 23, \$17.50 to \$18.50.

Geard O Hallimurain and Barbara Macdonald Magone, June 24, \$18.50 to \$19.50.

Sourdough Slim with Robert Armstrong, June 25, \$17.50 to \$18.50.

John McCutcheon, June 26, \$21.50 to \$22.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761 or www.freightandsalvage.org.

■ **JAZZSCHOOL** — Jazzschool Student Performances, June 17 and June 24. Free.

Michelle Amador and The True Believers, June 18, \$15.

\$12 to \$18 unless noted. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4:30 p.m. unless noted. 2087 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-845-5373 or www.jazzschool.com.

■ **LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER** — Domingo de Rumba at the Café, June 19, 3:30 p.m. Join Los Gatos de la Pena in percussion, dance and song. In the café. Free.

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Marina Garza and Orquesta D'Soul, Montuno Groove, June 25, 9:30 p.m. Conversation with the artists at 8:30 p.m. \$12 to \$14.

PachaSiku, June 26, 7:30 p.m. A concert of traditional music from Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and northern Chile. \$10.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

■ **OAKLAND ARENA** — Yolanda Adams, Fred Hammond, Williams Brothers, June 19, 7 p.m. For "Celebrating Faith 2005." \$33.33 to \$61.90.

Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. 510-762-2277, or www.bgp.com.

■ **PARAMOUNT THEATRE** — Tom Jones, Tower of Power, June 22, 7:30 p.m. \$59.50 to \$69.50.

"70s Soul Jam," June 25, 8 p.m. Performances by The Stylistics, Chitiles, Heatwave, Peaches and Herb, Deltonics and Persuaders. Hosted by Jimmy J.J. Walker. \$42.50 to \$75.

2025 Broadway, Oakland. 510-465-6400, (415) 421-8497 or www.paramounttheatre.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

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2465 34th Ave., Oakland. 510-532-9142 or www.peralthacienda.org.

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The Hicks with Sticks, Johnnie Dilks and the Visitation Valley Boys, Carl Lee and the Saddle-lites, June 17, 9:30 p.m. \$6.

Bellyachers, Loretta Lynch, The Famous, June 18, 9:30 p.m. \$7.

The Twots, Riot A-Go-Go, The Sweet Nothings, June 23, \$5.

Chuck Prophet, Jug Free America, June 24, \$12.

Anton Barbeau, Lucifer Meltdown, Joe Ruf, June 25, \$5.

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■ **YOSHI'S** — Diane Schuur with the Caribbean Jazz Project, June 16 through June 19, \$20 to \$24; \$5 children for Sunday matinee.

Faye Carol, June 20, \$10 to \$15.

Jessica Williams Trio, June 21 and June 22, \$12 to \$20.

Charles Lloyd with Geri Allen, Eric Harland and Larry Grenadier, June 23 through June 26, \$12 to \$24 general; \$5 children for Sunday matinee.

Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200 or www.yoshis.com.

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4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-654-0123 or www.chapelofthechimes.com.

■ **LAKESHORE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH** — San Francisco Choral Artists present "On Wings of Song," June 18, 8 p.m. A program of madrigals, motets, folksongs and popular music by Billings, Britten, Carter, Elgar, Finzi, Sametz and the winner of the SFCA's New Voices Project for young composers. \$22 general; \$17 seniors, students and disabled persons. (415) 979-5779 or www.sfca.org.

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■ **ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** — "Chamber Music Sundays," June 19, 3:15 p.m. San Francisco Symphony principal violist Geraldine Walther performs works by Mozart, Beethoven and Noel Coward. \$19 general; \$15 students and seniors; \$7 youth under age 18. (415) 584-5946 or www.chambermusicsondas.org.

2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-6830 or www.stjohns.presbychurch.net.

■ **TRINITY CHAMBER CONCERTS** — Lara Bruckmann, soprano; Kyle Bruckmann, oboe and English horn; and Miles Graber, piano, June 25, 8 p.m. A program of works by Vaughan Williams, J.S. Bach and Robert Schumann.

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■ **MALONGA CASQUELORED CENTER** — "Oakland Dance Festival," June 10 through June 25. Performances by Axis Dance Company, Company C Contemporary Ballet, Robert Moses' Kin and Savage Jazz Dance Company. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. \$20 general; \$15 seniors and students. (415) 392-4400 or www.cityboxoffice.com.

1428 Alice St., Oakland.

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EXHIBITS

■ **ACCI GALLERY** — "June Garden Show," June 9 through July 1. An exhibit of ceramics, glass works, fine art and mixed-media works by gallery members.

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■ **ALAMEDA ART CENTER** — "Somebody," June 3 through June 23. A joined exhibit of 2-D and 3-D figurative art.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1701 Webster St., Alameda. 510-748-7888 or www.alamedartcenter.org.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. State of California Office Build-

ing, 1515 Clay St., Oakland. 8190 or www.oaklandartcenter.org.

■ **CREATIVE GROWTH** — "Home," June 8 through June 10. Annual exhibition showcasing the vision of the home and about the home. Growth's visionary artists and their work.

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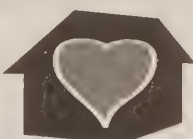


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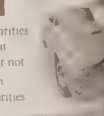


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 perience of African Americans in Cali-
 fornia and the West. In addition, there is
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 cludes objects of Jewish importance in-
 cluding ceremonial art, film and video,
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 tures and prints by contemporary and
 historic artists.

Exhibits — "Acting Out: Claude Cahun
 and Marcel Moore," through July 31. An
 exhibit examining the work of French
 artist Claude Cahun (born Lucy
 Schwob) in the context of her lifelong
 partnership and collaboration with Mar-
 cel Moore (born Suzanne Maiherbe).

"Revisions: Naomie Kremer, Shtetl,"
 through July 31. A multi-media exhibi-
 tion featuring digital animation and con-
 tour drawings merged with black-and-
 white photographs.

"The People and the Book: Paintings

and Rare Books from the Museum's
 Collection," through July 3. An exhibit of
 works dating from the 19th to the 20th
 century.

"Sephardic Horizons," through July 15.
 An exhibit of works from the Jewish cul-
 ture that arose in Spain and Portugal,
 and later moved to North Africa, the
 lands of the Ottoman Empire, Italy, Am-
 sterdam and the New World. Featured
 works include ritual objects, photo-
 graphs, prints, costumes, jewelry and
 books.

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 jects, approximately 4,000 prints and
 drawings, 900 textiles, 200 paintings,
 and 900 small ceramics and sculptures.
 Each season works from the Museum's
 permanent collection are shown along
 with the regular season's program.

Opening — "Improving the Bow Tie:
 African-American Improvisational
 Quilts," June 21 through Aug. 7. An ex-
 hibit of colorful quilts based on the pop-
 ular bow-tie pattern by 10 African-Ameri-
 can quiltmakers.

Opening — "Second to the Gods,"
 June 21 through Aug. 7. An exhibit of
 recent gifts from the collection of
 William K. Ehrenfeld, including royal
 crowns and comets of the Yoruba;
 thrones, chairs and stools from West
 Africa; and African fertility objects.

Opening — "Oakland Picture Lady,"
 June 21 through Aug. 7. An installation

of photographs created by Oakland
 artist and choreographer Traci Bartlow.
 The images are of the hip-hop scene in
 East Oakland in the 1990s.

Opening — "Spike," June 21 through
 Aug. 7. A large-scale portrait by Oak-
 land artist Keba Konte of his mother, a
 longshorewoman at the Port of Oakland
 in the 1980s known to her coworkers as
 "Spike."

Reception for All Exhibits, June 21, 6
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**THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALI-
 FORNIA** — Exhibits — "Sculpture by
 Bruce Beasley: A 45-Year Retrospec-
 tive," through July 31. This survey of
 work by the Oakland sculptor features
 approximately 75 works in aluminum
 and acrylic, cast and fabricated bronze,
 stainless steel, iron, granite and wood.
 Artist gallery talk on July 17, 2 p.m.

"Plant Portraits: The California Legacy
 of A.R. Valentien," through Dec. 4. An
 exhibit of 80 watercolor/gouache paint-
 ings of California wildflowers by the
 artist.

Closing — "Photography: Recent Ac-
 quisitions," closing June 26. An exhibit
 of 22 photographs from the 18th, 19th
 and 20th centuries.

"Playing Favorites: Community Choices
 from the History Collections," through
 July 31. An exhibit of rarely seen arti-
 facts from the museum's history col-
 lections, including the Doggie Diner sign
 and a Wurliizer jukebox.

"Points of View: Selections from the Mu-
 seum Collection," through July 31. A se-
 lection of contemporary artwork from
 the museum's collection, including pho-
 tographs, ceramics, video, mixed-media
 sculptures and paintings.

Special Events — Free with general
 admission unless noted.

"Bike Tours of Oakland," June 19, 10
 a.m. A leisurely two-hour bike tour with
 museum docents, covering Oakland
 history and personalities. Reservations
 required. 510-238-3514.

"Family Explorations! Living Traditions
 and Historic Objects," June 26, 1 p.m.
 to 4 p.m. An afternoon for families to
 enjoy the rich cultural traditions of the
 Bay Area, including performances by a
 Native-American vocalist/percussionist
 and a Taiko ensemble, traditional Cali-
 fornia Indian games, and arts and
 crafts inspired by Japanese and Latino
 traditions.

Ongoing events — "Online Museum,"
 Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the
 museum's collection on videodisks in
 the History Department Library.

Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and
 Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Art a la Carte, ongoing. Art docents of-
 fer a variety of specialized tours focus-
 ing on one aspect of the museum's per-
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a desperate single
Locklear delivers a
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always heartening when a
for teens addresses issues
the basic quandaries of
a prom date or fighting
man girl cliques. The sur-
sweet comedy "The Per-
" does just that, focus-
attention on how the love
single parents impact
children. It has the froth of
stream film, but there's
genuine in there
wholes.

school student Holly (Hi-
lary Duff) and her 7-year-old sis-
ter (Aria Wallace) have spent
much moving all over the
country. Whenever their
mother, Jean (Heather Locklear), gets dumped
by a boyfriend, she picks up and
moves — which happens
regular basis — they pick
up and move. Their latest stop
is in a town where Jean has
a job in the bakery de-
partment of a classy grocery

store. However, they are unpacked
and Jean is asking Holly to help
her set up a profile on a dating
site. "Look at these lines,"
Jean says to her daughter. "I'm in a
prime time." But Holly
wants to meet a man the
fashioned way, and in her
first time. She sees Jean
as desperate and a chronic
liar, and she's determined
to get involved with
him rather than be alone.
One afternoon observing
her mother seems to her to be
a boyfriend, her friend's
boyfriend (Sex and the City's
Chris Noth). Holly decides to in-
sult her secret admirer for her



HEATHER LOCKLEAR, left, Aria Wallace and Hilary Duff star in "The Perfect Man," a movie for teens that goes beyond the fluff. UNIVERSAL

mother. She figures at least this
will distract Jean from plunging
into a romance with Lenny (Mike
O'Malley), a dope from the bak-
ery.

Holly's plan is unwittingly
cruel. She doesn't prepare for the
possibility that her mother will
be crushed by the inevitable dis-
covery that "Ben" isn't real. Like
a typical kid, she's just happy to
see her mom smiling and excited,
so she keeps pushing the lie to
new heights, resulting in some

ridiculous but pleasing slapstick.

Screenwriter Gina Wendkos
("Coyote Ugly" and both "The
Princess Diaries" movies) must
have been at least somewhat in-
spired by "Sleepless in Seattle."
Noth and Locklear, like Tom
Hanks and Meg Ryan, hardly
have any scenes together. What
makes this movie more relevant
to kids than "Sleepless" is that
the most important relationship
it explores is the one between
Holly and her mother.

The movie falters when it
comes to a subplot involving
Holly's own love life. Her perfect
man is a classmate named Adam
(Ben Feldman), who seems to
adore her unconditionally from
first sight, acts wise beyond his
years and is, even from the per-
spective of one as ancient as
Holly's mother, beyond adorable.
Having created such a realistic
parental situation, it's a shame
Wendkos had to make Holly's ro-
mantic life such a fantasy.

"The Perfect Man" is of course
a vehicle for the ubiquitous Duff,
who has spent her teen years be-
coming a multitasking mogul,
balancing her active movie ca-
reer with recording contracts. It
would be nice if Hollywood could
find a few new actresses to play
high school students.

They are sure things at the
box office, but one tires of Lind-
say Lohan and Duff.

Fortunately Duff retains her
charm; her eyes are ringed with

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "The Perfect Man"
- **STARRING:** Hilary Duff,
Heather Locklear, Chris Noth,
Mike O'Malley
- **RATING:** PG (mildly suggestive
content)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 36
minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today in area
theaters
- **GRADE:** B-

too much eye makeup, but she
still seems like a kid, unlike Lo-
han, who has bizarrely acquired
the air of a woman in her late
30s, desperate to hold on to her
looks.

Noth makes for an affable and
attractive Ben. Most of his scenes
are with Duff and he plays off
her teenage insanity nicely. But
it's Locklear who gives the
movie's most interesting per-
formance. After years in the televi-
sion spotlight, she's finally start-
ing to show her age a little, and
it looks good on her. Until she
found comedy on shows such as
"Spin City" she was a woefully
wooden actress, good for play-
ing the nasty vixen and not much
else. But as Jean she exhibits re-
liable comic timing (check out
the look on her face while at-
tending a Styx concert with
Lenny) and a real vulnerability.

Even though it's absurd to see
her falling for her daughter's
trap, she has our sympathy be-
cause we can see how much she
would like to find a good man.
Presented with a photo of the
real Ben, her smile gets girlish,
and we can see why. What sin-
gle mother wouldn't like to be
fixed up with Mr. Big?

Reach movie critic Mary F. Pols
at mpols@cctimes.com or 925-
945-4741.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

and from sales at 45 inde-
pendent bookstores in Northern

- Krauss.
1. "Never Let Me Go," by Kazuo Ishiguro. (Knopf, \$24.)
 2. "Gilead," by Marilynne Robinson. (FSG, \$23.)
 3. "Haunted," by Chuck Palahniuk. (Doubleday, \$24.95.)

Nonfiction

1. "1776," by David McCullough. (S&S, \$32.)
2. "Oh, the Glory of It All," by Sean Wilentz. (Penguin Press, \$25.95.)
3. "Freakonomics," by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner. (William Morrow, \$25.95.)
4. "Your: The Owner's Manual," by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet Oz. (HarperResource, \$24.95.)

5. "On Bull—," by Harry G. Frankfurt. (Princeton, \$9.95.)
6. "The World Is Flat," by Thomas L. Friedman. (FSG, \$27.50.)
7. "French Women Don't Get Fat," by Mireille Guiliano. (Knopf, \$22.)
8. "Plan B," by Anne Lamott. (Riverhead, \$24.95.)
9. "Blink," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$25.95.)
10. "Collapse," by Jared Diamond. (Viking, \$29.95.)

Trade paperback fiction

1. "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$14.)
2. "The Jane Austen Book Club," by Karen Joy Fowler. (Plume, \$14.)
3. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," by Mark Haddon. (Vintage, \$12.)

4. "Skinny Dip," by Carl Hiaassen. (Warner, \$12.95.)
5. "The Shadow of the Wind," by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. (Penguin, \$15.)
6. "The Secret Life of Bees," by Sue Monk Kidd. (Penguin, \$14.)
7. "The Master," by Colm Toibin. (Scribner, \$14.)
8. "Middlesex," by Jeffrey Eugenides. (Picador, \$15.)
9. "The Time Traveler's Wife," by Audrey Niffenegger. (Harvest, \$14.)
10. "The Confessions of Max Tivoli," by Andrew Sean Greer. (Picador, \$14.)

Trade paperback nonfiction

1. "What's the Matter With Kansas?"

2. "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill," by Mark Bittner. (Three Rivers, \$12.95.)
3. "The Tipping Point," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay, \$14.95.)
4. "Don't Think of an Elephant," by George Lakoff. (Chelsea Green, \$10.)
5. "Bad Cat," by Jim Edgar. (Workman, \$9.95.)
6. "Truth & Beauty," by Ann Patchett. (Perennial, \$13.95.)
7. "The Devil in the White City," by Erik Larson. (Vintage, \$14.95.)
8. "The Hidden Messages in Water," by Masaru Emoto. (Beyond Words, \$16.95.)
9. "Reading Lolita in Tehran," by Azar Nafisi. (Random House, \$13.95.)
10. "Genghis Khan and the Making of

the Modern World," by Jack Weatherford. (Three Rivers, \$14.95.)

Mass market paperback

1. "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," by Douglas Adams. (Ballantine, \$7.99.)
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memory

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and Sperry, a promising
pianist, was killed by a
while riding his bike to
work weeks before the 2003
Sperry left behind a wife
and a 10-year-old daughter.
He always enjoyed play-

ing on this event, and now with
Matthew's remains in the build-
ing it has greater meaning for
myself and many other per-
formers who knew him," Gelb said.
"We performed together one time
at the concert as part of Dan
Plonsey's group."

Gelb will play traditional and
modern music. "The traditional
pieces for shakuhachi come from

a Buddhist background, and
there are a handful of pieces par-
ticularly performed at funeral rit-
uals," he said.

Luciano Chessa will return
this year, too, and play his ethe-
real musical saw. Chessa, a pi-
anist, a Ph.D. in musicology and
composer, will play — by bowing
and hammering — a 36-inch
mini-bass saw, including some

pieces written specifically for the
concert.

Chessa said the saw's main
musical feature is the glissando,
or gliding from one note to an-
other.

"For me the musical saw's
glissando voice has supernatural
features, a ghost-like voice; I
therefore believe that it is the
kind of voice that resounds par-

ticularly in a space like the
Chapel of the Chimes," he said.

Other performers include vo-
calist Pamela Z; Mills College
music professor Maggie Payne,
who will bring her music-pro-
ducing orchid that people will
be able to touch; and glass in-
strument player Miguel Frasconi.

Cahill said people experience

the event as more than just a
concert. "It's a celebration of new
life, even among the ashes of
those no longer living. We re-
member our friends and loved
ones, and meet new friends along
the way," she said.

"The attendance last year was
around 1,400. It gets bigger each
year," said Cahill.

mise

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to their world. I tell
you didn't adopt the par-
ticular kids,"
plowed ahead un-
der. She read report cards
and children a ready ear
and gentle nagging.
your homework? Why
you signed up for math?
the mom," she said.

as Brown who gazed,
college admissions re-
sults when that first group
in high school. Oak-

land's high school graduation re-
quirements were not nearly as
stringent as University of Cali-
fornia admissions demanded.
And SATs, community service,
leadership, extracurriculars — all
the admissions criteria taken for
granted at suburban prep schools
— was news to this crew.

The foundation's tutoring pro-
gram ratcheted up, board mem-
bers became mentors and college
students came in to help. The re-
sults were stunning.

An active role

In a city where less than half
the children who start high school

ever finish, every one of the "ba-
bies" graduated from high school.
Nineteen went to college. Brown
attended every graduation and
packed them off to college.

"When the kids went to col-
lege, just two parents went,"
Brown said. "They're my kids. I
had to take them, get them
moved in, find apartments,
dorms, buy toiletries, food, check
roommates. These are my kids."
She reels off their names with
deep affection, Delisha, LaTosha,
Nekita, Michael. Three are in
graduate school now, and
Brown's not done.

"Every four years I reach back

and get another first grade,"
Brown said. Another 89 babies
are on the launch pad now. Sev-
enteen are clutching college ac-
ceptance letters. Brown's phone
rings off the hook. Life is con-
siderably more complicated now
than it was with that first class.

Now, Brown's babies come
from all over Oakland's public
school system. Every four years,
the foundation's board members
sift through hundreds of ap-
plications to choose the next batch.

"I'd try to take them all,"
Brown said. "But they bring me
20 little babies, and we run."

Brown visits 40 classrooms

every two weeks to keep tabs on
her first- and fourth-graders. She
gets the teens after school and in
the evenings, at tutoring sessions
or in late-night telephone calls.

"If I thought about it, I could-
n't do it," Brown said.

Brown fits booksignings,
speeches and fund-raisers around
those babies. Putting 20 or 40 or
89 kids through college is an ex-
pensive proposition, even before
one factors in the cost of sneak-
ers, food and SAT prep books.

The foundation holds grass-
roots fund-raisers like crab feeds
or big flea markets. An annual
banquet brings in more. Sales

from this book go directly to the
foundation.

But most of all, she hopes that
the book serves as a road map
for poor children who want to go
to college, and for the adults who
can get them there. It's not about
money, she said.

"No one thought we could do
it. And yes, we proved them
wrong," she writes. "But the best
part is that we proved them
wrong with nothing but our love
and support of one another."

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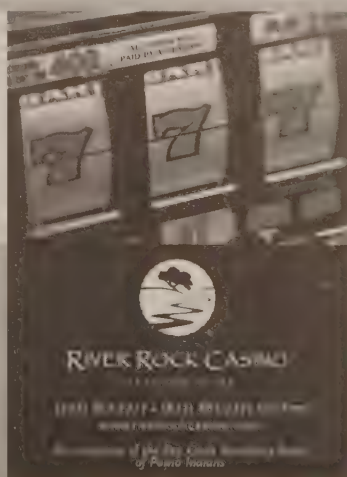
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Section D

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

...drove the SXT model, the
...came when I got behind
...of the R/T model. This is the
...the HEMI engine and a five-
...omatic transmission with an Au-
...When I wanted to play around
...quips, this AutoStik provided a
...quick shift. This model stands
...polished aluminum wheels.
...an optional SIRIUS satellite ra-
...dio entertainment system, DVD-



MOTOR MATTERS

AT FIRST GLANCE, the 2006 Charger, left, looks like a two-door coupe, but it's a full-size, four-door sedan. These cars contain numerous optional appointments, inset, including the hands-free communication system, a video entertainment system, a navigation communication system and comfortable seats.

KEANE ON WHEELS

based Global Positioning System with a 5.8-inch full color display, MP3 player and an AM/FM stereo with six-disc CD player. This system produces great sound, but the sound in not nearly as pleasing as the high performance exhaust system with a distinctive, throaty exhaust note. I couldn't help but want to accelerate hard. The suspension is firm and the car is exceptionally well-balanced. But, for the most part, I kept my urge to speed under control until I got to the VIR raceway in Virginia. This is not the usual oval track—VIR has numerous left and right turns, plus hills. This track enabled me to appreciate the high-performance suspension, the five-speed automatic transmission, AutoStick and, best of all, the HEMI V8 power.

DODGE CHARGER R/T

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door, rear-wheel drive, large sedan
Suggested Retail	\$29,995
Engine Type	V8 HEMI 16-valve w/SPFI
Horsepower	340 @ 5,000 rpm
Torque	330 @ 4,000 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic w/OD
Wheelbase	120 inches
Height	58 inches
Curb Weight	4,031 pounds
Fuel Capacity	19 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 17/25

tona R/T package. This car is more performance-oriented with a stiffer suspension system. I enjoyed the ride comfort of the R/T better and was very pleased with the way this rear-wheel drive car handled on tight curves. This is the result of a tuned suspension riding on performance tires. The SXT has 17-inch tires, while the Daytona and R/T models ride on 18-inch Michelin all-season performance tires.

These Chargers contain numerous upscale optional appointments, including the hands-free communication system us-

ing Bluetooth, a video entertainment system and available navigation communication system. All five seats are very comfortable.

In addition, all these Chargers are loaded with the latest in automotive safety technology. No two ways about it: Dodge has put its best foot forward.

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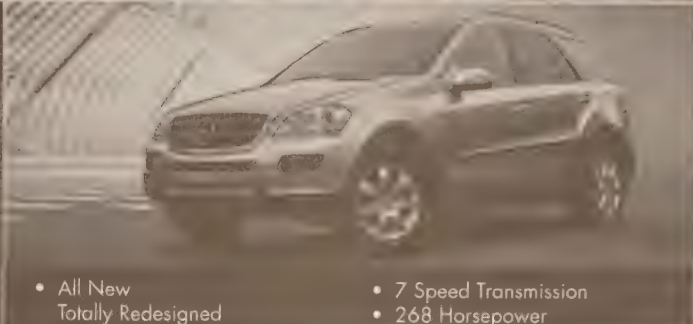
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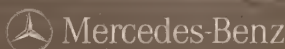
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Tips for safe driving in construction zones

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Drivers are conditioned to respond to colors. Red brake lights, traffic lights and octagons tell drivers to stop. Yellow flashing lights and road signs caution drivers of conditions ahead. And everyone knows what green means. However, many drivers need to be reminded of the fourth, and possibly the most important, color they'll encounter on the road: construction orange.

Summer months promise construction zones along America's highways, byways, side streets and main drags. While beneficial in the long run, roadway construction can be inconvenient and quite dangerous unless drivers remember a few basic guidelines. Below are some tips to help ensure safe driving no matter how much orange you see:

■ **Follow the signs:** Signs posted in work zones provide im-

portant information designed to protect motorists and construction crews. Construction signs indicate everything from traffic lane changes to speed limit reductions. Remember, a construction zone speed limit applies regardless of the presence of workers and fines are doubled.

■ **Be alert:** Not everyone is well versed in construction zone driving etiquette, so pay extra attention to your surroundings while in these ar-

reas. Continuously scan the roadway for rubberneck drivers, moving equipment, vehicles and workers. For increased concentration, avoid distractions such as eating and talking on a cell phone.

■ **Plan ahead:** When making travel plans, take time to research where construction zones will be and use an alternate route if possible. Construction zones can cause delays, so give yourself extra time if you know you have to drive through a work zone. Maintain adequate fuel to ensure you don't run out of gas, and bring drinks and snacks to keep you

and your passengers satisfied as well.

■ **Remain calm:** Never allow speeding and impatient drivers to modify the way you drive. Keeping cool in heavy slowdowns will make your drive safer and help keep traffic flowing. Be aware of tailgaters and motorists creating their own lane on the shoulder, but calmly focus on your driving, always leaving yourself enough space between you and the vehicles around you.

■ **Give trucks room:** Because of the length and weight of trucks, they need more room to stop or change lanes, especially in the narrow lanes

construction areas. A truck driver has less room to maneuver than a car driver. While you are driving through a construction zone, remember to give trucks the time and space they need. The color orange means construction. These zones are a distraction, and a sense of awareness is always needed. For additional information on roads safely with vehicles, visit www.napso.org.

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989 Franklin 607 - \$365,000
5605 Genoa St - \$622,000
4111 Gilbert St - \$825,000
96 Gleneden Av - \$850,000
1854 Grand View - \$970,000
3917 Greenwood - \$850,000
6060 Grizzly Peak - \$600,000
3044 Guido St - \$1,250,000
3961 Hanly Rd - \$730,000
322 Hanover 211 - \$425,000
6173 Harbord Dr - \$1,337,000
3516 Harper St - \$150,000
6205 Harwood Av - \$880,000
7415 Hillside St - \$500,000
67 Homeglen Ln - \$780,000
3034 Humboldt Av - \$442,500
180 Hunter Av - \$365,000
6019 Idaho St - \$615,000
224 Kimberlin Hgts - \$692,500
5829 Kingsley Cr - \$299,000
1 Lakeside Dr 1705 - \$501,000
1 Lakeside Dr 308 - \$356,500
1 Lakeside Dr 405 - \$476,000
1 Lakeside Dr 911 - \$656,500
983 Leo Wy - \$1,474,000
4466 MacArthur Bl - \$540,000
6630 MacArthur Bl - \$250,000
9812 Maddux Dr - \$365,000
1006 Mandana Bl - \$756,000
2900 Morgan Av B - \$459,000
518 Mountain Bl - \$1,600,500
8348 Ney Av - \$530,000
801 Northvale Rd - \$1,125,000
5450 Princeton St - \$385,000
2809 Regatta Dr - \$573,500
2811 Regatta Dr - \$608,000
2815 Regatta Dr - \$576,000
4120 Reinhardt Dr - \$815,000
4925 Scotia Av - \$600,000
5545 Scoville St - \$350,000
7 Selkirk St - \$630,000
14280 Skyline Bl - \$875,000
5359 Thomas Av - \$760,000
1866 Tiffin Rd - \$855,000
325 Vernon St 404 - \$500,000
9438 Walnut St - \$450,000
9852 Walnut St - \$360,000
476 W. MacArthur - \$830,000
927 Willow St - \$200,000
8080 Winthrop - \$500,000
3225 Wisconsin St - \$685,000
6317 Wood Dr - \$1,125,000
7267 Woodrow - \$1,094,500
1915 Wrenn St - \$900,000

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223 Hillside - \$3,010,000
29 Vista Av - \$1,328,000

RICHMOND

849 10th St - \$380,000
621 13th St - \$318,000
640 17th St - \$275,000
1616 2nd St - \$315,000
621 35th St - \$390,000
647 36th St - \$470,000
1822 3rd St - \$340,000
422 4th St - \$600,000
570 8th St - \$370,000
14 Bay Harbor - \$677,000
2617 Bayfront - \$435,000
1164 Bonneville - \$610,000
612 Bradford Dr - \$348,000
1733 Chanslor Av - \$340,000
505 Commodore - \$456,000
2120 Esmond Av - \$430,000
2714 Esmond Av - \$412,000
3162 Fairmeade Dr - \$440,000
405 Fieldstone Dr - \$785,000
601 Florida Av - \$324,000
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3152 Henderson - \$450,000
4504 Jenkins Wy - \$370,000
1120 Joel Ct - \$500,000
703 Johnson Dr - \$355,000
1837 Lincoln Av - \$485,000
2407 Lowell Av - \$550,000
3226 Lowell Av - \$475,000
1306 Mariposa St - \$525,000
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2725 Rheem Av - \$407,000
201 Seapoint Pl - \$820,500
203 Seapoint Pl - \$903,500
205 Seapoint Pl - \$855,500
3011 Shane Dr - \$465,000
3665 West Ct - \$308,000
4468 Whiteliff - \$520,000
44 Willard Av - \$390,500
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SAN LEANDRO

1697 140th Av - \$530,000
1772 141st Av - \$570,000
1207 147th Av D - \$374,000
1231 Alder Creek - \$688,000
1550 Bancroft 113 - \$425,000
14884 Bancroft Av - \$520,000
15910 Carolyn St - \$530,000
1400 Carpenter St - \$370,000

14515 Corvallis St - \$470,000
15246 Dayton Ct - \$825,000
14293 Doolittle Dr - \$395,000
1067 Douglas Ct - \$482,000
14835 E. 14th 26 - \$385,000
2141 Estabrook Cr - \$490,000
1099 Grace St - \$520,000
2061 Howe Dr - \$533,000
16863 Los Banos - \$520,000
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578 Maud Av - \$505,000
1564 Plaza Dr - \$520,000
2022 Reynolds - \$525,000
1013 San Rafael St - \$650,000
1225 Sandelin Av - \$705,000
14142 Trinidad - \$545,000
562 Tudor Rd - \$525,000

SAN LORENZO

820 Paseo Grande - \$540,000
315 Via Coches - \$425,000
15930 Via Del Sol - \$538,000
1181 Via Dolorosa - \$560,000
15814 Via Marlin - \$480,000
17025 Via Perdido - \$440,000
15852 Via Rivera - \$610,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST PRICE: \$340,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,080,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$700,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$688,762

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$384,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$671,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$552,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$524,400

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$415,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,306,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$758,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$784,667

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$400,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$830,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$605,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$600,667

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$157,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$235,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$335,400

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$320,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$691,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$507,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$514,714

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$780,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,410,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$934,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,041,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 104
LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,714,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$540,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$620,298

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$1,328,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$3,010,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$2,169,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 45
LOWEST PRICE: \$180,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$903,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$435,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$475,378

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 25
LOWEST PRICE: \$370,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$825,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$520,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$522,680

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$425,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$610,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$538,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$513,286

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...models like the 2000, while
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...appreciation of BMW's heritage.
...by David Saget

Book of the Century: The True Story of 1908 New York to Paris Auto Race

...by Julie M. Fenster.
...illustrated, 400 pages. Crown.
...Feb. 12, 1908, six cars set
...out from Times Square, bound for
...Paris. What Julie M. Fenster calls
..."The Race of the Century." The
...race was daunting: across the
...United States, then to Japan by
...ship to Vladivostok, Moscow,
...and finally to Paris.
...this was a Herculean feat for

the three cars that made it to the
finish, a 22,000-mile trek spon-
sored by The New York Times and
Le Matin in Paris. The machines
were primitive — the American au-
tomobile industry was about a
decade old in 1908 — and the
roads, where they existed at all,
were often covered with snow or
choked with axle-deep mud.

The men were equal to the
challenge. Chief among them was
George Schuster, a mechanic and
driver for the sole American entry,
a Thomas Flyer. He pushed his
car to Paris, sometimes quite lit-
erally, sometimes on willpower
alone. He and his fellow racers
proved, once and for all, that au-
tomobile travel was without
boundaries.

Fenster, the race's chronicler,
has captured much of the hard-
ship and drama in a serviceably
written book that shows some
painstaking research. The prin-
cipal competitors are painted in
broad strokes, but some readers
may wonder if more intimate,
more human portraits might have
been possible.

— Charles McEwen

"Automotive Atrocities: The Cars We Love to Hate"

By Eric Peters.

Illustrated, 128 pages. Motor-
books International. \$19.95
Though awful cars have existed
throughout automotive history, Eric
Peters focuses on recent eyesores
of the highways, especially the
rich decade following the energy
shock of 1974. This era of down-
sizing, disco and double-knit
leisure suits produced innovation
borne of desperation and was an
especially rich period for hateable
vehicles.

Peters, described in the jacket
blurb as an automotive columnist
for America Online, Netscape and
CompuServe, divides his loser-
mobiles into three categories: fake
muscle cars, loathsome luxury ve-
hicles (think "Corinthian leather")
and egregious economy cars. He
recalls the greatest hits of ugly:
American Motors' Gremlin and
Pacer; the Ford Pinto and Mercury
Zephyr; the Cadillac Cimarron and
Pontiac Aztek from General Mo-
tors; and imports like the Yugo GV
and Daihatsu Charade.

The prose is sometimes as
charmingly oversteered as the cars
described. For example, he ar-
gues that "there's no such thing
as 'the elder statesman years' for
a Gremlin."

Still, some of the ugly cars
have become lovable, in a twisted
way. Hating cars is part of loving
them, as the book's subtitle sug-
gests, and the real danger to car
culture is designs that are merely
unobjectionable. Many drivers to-
day, scanning the parking lots at
America's malls, might cry (as Pe-
ters does, in effect), "Give us the
ugly over the dull."

— Phil Patton

"Ferrari: A Champion's View"

By Phil Hill; photography by
John Lamm.

Illustrated, 192 pages. Dalton
Watson Fine Books. \$80.

Scores of works have at-
tempted to bring insight to the
magical history of Ferrari, many
fastidiously researched and en-
gagingly told. Some of the better
ones are related by witnesses to
the events; the rare few come from
the people who actually made the
history.

"A Champion's View" is just
such a book, a coffee-table vol-
ume by Phil Hill, the American
racer who won the Formu-
la One championship for the
Ferrari team in 1961.

In the four decades since Hill
retired from professional racing,
he has owned a restoration shop
and has written for Road & Track
magazine, where many of the sto-
ries he tells in "A Champion's
View" were originally printed. In
this handsome book, lavishly il-
lustrated with photographs by
John Lamm, he focuses primarily
on the competition sports cars,
among them the magnificent Testa
Rossas, Dinos and Monzas, though
the endurance racing proto-
types and even a team truck are
examined.

With a mechanic's eye for de-
tail and a champion's feel for all
shades of performance dynamics,
Hill weaves a straightforward nar-
rative that combines his own race-
track experiences with a historical
perspective on each car and his
impressions from modern-day drives
in restored examples. There

may be more complete chronolo-
gies of the cars that wear the
prancing horse, but finding one
that covers this slice of Ferrari's
history with such authority is un-
likely.

— Norman Meyersohn

"Pioneers, Engineers, and Scoundrels: The Dawn of the Automobile in America"

By Beverly Rae Kimes.

Illustrated, 558 pages. SAE In-
ternational. \$39.95.

Beverly Rae Kimes has written
an absolutely delightful book, both
entertaining and informative, on
one of the world's great inven-
tions, the automobile. It is a
chronological study of the cars as
well as the inventors, engineers,
businessmen and con artists who
made horseless carriage history
from the 1800s through the 1920s.

Kimes presents the very human
side of the development of this dy-

namic industry. All the players are
here: steamers, electricians and in-
ternal combustion vehicles,
whether from the United States or
Europe. All of the diverse person-
alities and characters associated
with the business come to life. She
captures it all.

There are hundreds of insight-
ful quotes, including this from
Henry Ford, delivered in response
to his partner's proposal to build
a bigger 6-cylinder car: "A car
should not have any more cylin-
ders than a cow has teats." Many
more anecdotes bring life to
Kimes' trip down the highway of
automotive history.

— Gus Buenz

"Greatest American Cars"

Illustrated, 752 pages. Krause
Publications. \$29.99.

These are the greatest Ameri-
can cars? Not exactly. This il-
lustrated automotive history shows
only one Pierce-Arrow, and it isn't
the Silver Arrow. There are no
Mark II Continentals, no Rivas,
no Toronados. But there is a Cav-
alier, a Duster and a Mustang II.

Although the book seems to
have been hastily put together, it
is at least neatly organized by
decades, each defined by a two-
page timeline and a listing of sig-
nificant events (mostly but not ex-
clusively automotive). Cars
representing almost every year
from 1900 to 2000 are illustrated
with large color photographs
spread over two pages.

Along with the automotive
omissions, there was no editor ei-
ther, it seems. There are many
misspellings, fractured facts and
repetitions. Twice in a single pa-
graph, details of the third-genera-
tion Corvette convertible being
discontinued are related — incor-
rectly. The first "hardtop converti-
ble" shown is the '50 DeSoto, not
the great General Motors exam-
ples from 1949. In 1955, we are
told, there were "three great com-
panies, GM, Ford and Chevrolet."
And what is supposed to be a '63
Imperial is actually a '66.

In all, "Greatest American Cars"
is an entertaining overview, but be-
ware the details. Just enjoy the
pictures.

— Greg Ryan



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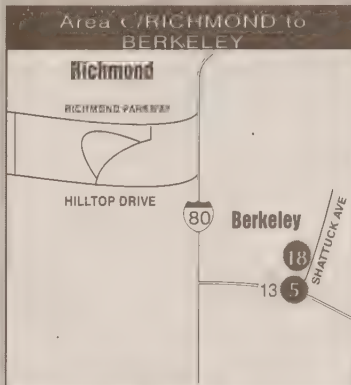
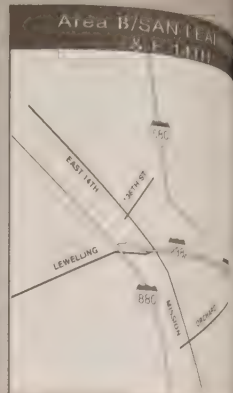
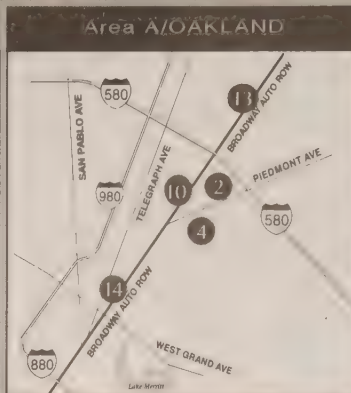
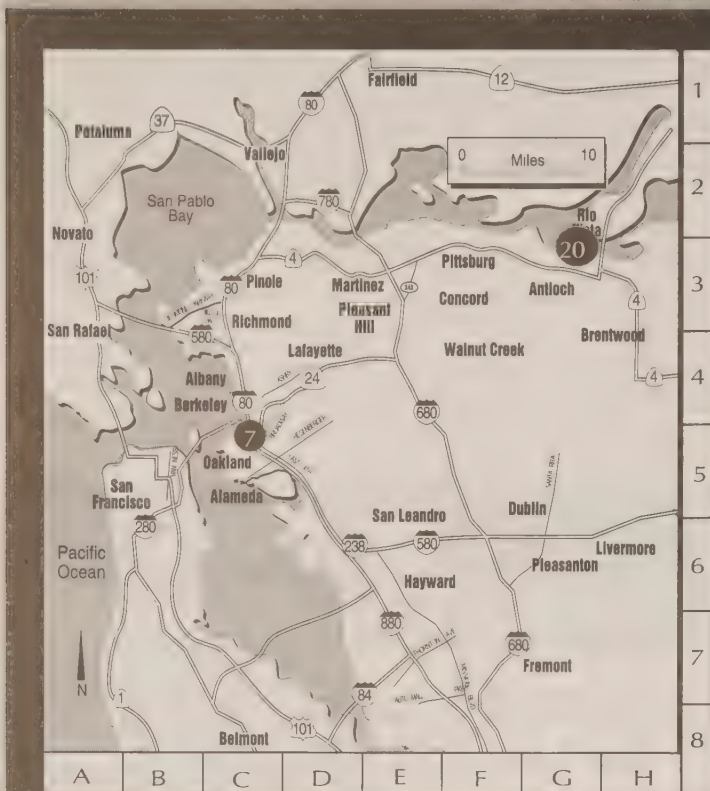
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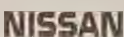
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Aprilia's RSV Tuono R: A revelation for cruisers

BY ARV VOSS
MOTOR MATTERS

I would never have imagined I would find a sport bike that I would actually enjoy riding. I am a "dyed-in-the-wool" big cruiser fan.

I've ridden sport bikes before, and the experience always proved to be less than enjoyable — in most cases, it was downright uncomfortable. It seems that as the body ages, flexibility diminishes, and creature comforts take on an increased level of importance in one's choice of leisure activities. That would tend to explain the ever increasing popularity of cruisers over traditional sport bikes, whether domestic or imported.

Aprilia's RSV Tuono R — not your usual everyday sport bike, but rather an aggressive two-wheeler with a more upright streetfighter, naked hyper look to it. The base is mounted high and adjustable optimum control with a more upright position. It was actually designed to be a comfortable superbike, and serves its purpose well.

The Tuono R may be ridden in a docile

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manner about town or pushed to its limits on a challenging road course. It retains the captivating chassis and engine package of the RSV Mille while adding the tapered upright handlebars and reduced fairing (a small flyscreen) package for a lean, high-performance machine.

Power for the Tuono R comes from a 997.62 cc, longitudinal 60 degree V-Twin, four stroke, dry sump motor. It is liquid-cooled with three-way pressurized circuit, indirect electronic multi-point fuel injection, DOHC, 8-valve, mixed gear/chain timing drive and patented AVDC anti-vibration double countershaft. The 130 horsepower is delivered at the crank at 9,500 rpm. The exhaust exits via a two-into-one-into-two affair that appears in an anodized gold treatment with carbon fiber clamps for a classy touch.

The Tuono R weighs in dry at 410 pounds and is fairly compact, with a wheelbase of 55.7 inches. Seat height is a comfortable 32 inches for me, but some height-challenged

riders may find it a stretch. The seat length may be an issue for those individuals with long legs, due to the foot control positioning, and I thought the sculpting in the tanks sides prevented tucking the legs in neatly. There is a passenger pillion of sorts, but no stock pegs. The suspension is fully adjustable for load and conditions, and the Brembo brakes and wheels handle the chore of reining the bike in from the outer limits in admirable fashion.

My demo Aprilia RSV Tuono R was finished predominately in Tulip Red with black and gold accents. The base price was set at \$12,599 — add approximately another \$500 for destination charge and dealer prep.

Summary

The RSV Tuono R comes across as a sport bike, with a ready-to-race look about it, but it is so much more comfortable to ride. It is exceptionally well-balanced and easy to control, regardless of one's riding style. The fuel tank is made from ding resistant rotational nylon, which also aids in weight reduction. The bike is considerably easier to horse around than a cruiser — chrome ac-

cessories weigh a lot.

The instrument panel, or gauge bank, is comprised of digital-analog readouts and covers a myriad of essential functions, and there is a neutral start fail-safe. The headlight lens is manufactured from a special lightweight polycarbonate material that distributes light evenly for high visibility. Aluminum footrests, levers and heel guards attest to the Tuono's racing heritage.

The Aprilia RSV Tuono R is enough to lure any cruiser type away from his or her ride of choice. It is fine as it is, but also lends itself to personalization, with a host of prestige accessories such as: a lightweight screw and component kit; Sachs Boge or Ohlins adjustable steering damper; Ohlins rear monoshock; and racing exhaust and control unit. If you want to stand out to an even greater degree, there is a dedicated clothing line as well.

Specifications: Aprilia Tuono RSV 1000

Base Price: \$12,599.
Price as Tested: \$13,099.
Engine Type and Size: 997.62 cc

(1000) longitudinal 60 degree V-Twin, four stroke, liquid-cooled with three-way pressurized circuit, indirect multi-point fuel injection, DOHC, 8-valve, mixed gear/chain timing drive and patented AVDC anti-vibration double countershaft.

Horsepower: 130 @ 9,500 rpm at crank.
Torque: 101 Nm @ 7,200 rpm
Transmission: Six-speed manual.
Drive Train: Primary drive — straight toothed gears/Final drive — chain
Suspension: Front: Showa 43 mm upside-down fork with adjustment for preload, compression and rebound damping with 120 mm wheel travel. Rear: Aluminum alloy swing-arm with differential section members and APS (Aprilia Progressive System) linkage.
Brakes: Front: Brembo double floating stainless steel disc, four piston caliper with 2 sintered pads and metal braided line. Rear: Brembo stainless steel disc, twin piston caliper, metal braided line and sintered pads.
Tires: Michelin Pilot Sport 120/70 - ZR17 front/190/50 - ZR17 rear mounted on swirl-spoke alloy wheels.
Wheelbase: 1415 mm Length Overall: 2,070 mm
Steering angle: 25 degrees
Curb Weight dry: 417 lbs. (dry)
Fuel Capacity: 4.75 gallons
Seat height: 31.8 inches



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Ford truck blazing with Harley-Davidson treatment

BY TIM SPELL
MOTOR MATTERS

A little helping of macho is mixed into Ford's 2005 Harley-Davidson F-Series Super Duty pickup. This F-250 Crew Cab 4x4 heavyweight test-truck packs the torque 6.0-liter Power Stroke diesel V8 and a get-out-of-the-way Harley bike attitude.

This isn't the type of truck that fits into traffic. It's big, bold and in your face, and available in hefty 250 and F-350 configurations. The price tag is sizable, too — a \$30,900 base price, plus \$4,640 for Harley package and \$5,100 for diesel engine.

The powerful Super Duty doesn't need Harley enhancements to make it a credible tough truck. The flames, however, effectively distinguish it from most other big pickups.

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don't pop out of the black paint as much as one might think.

Ford's goal was to apply the flames in a smooth and seamless manner — much like that of a custom bike shop. The process used on the Super Duty is called wet-on-wet paint, which features a special primer that allows a second coat of paint to be applied while the initial coat is wet.

With the tester, the red flames were painted first, followed by an ultra-thin flame-shaped mask on top of it and black body color sprayed immediately. After the mask is removed a clear topcoat is sprayed. A chemical bonding occurring between the layers results in a smooth finish.

For those who may not snap to the fact this is a theme truck — not merely someone attempting to hot rod a giant pickup — there's special badging on the front fenders and tailgate. Made of heavyweight zinc die-cast metal, the badges are in the shape of the Harley-Davidson Bar & Shield logo and are engraved with "HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES." The F-250 designation is etched on a sidepiece. On the upper rear of the bedside "Harley-Davidson" is scripted in red to match the flames.

The largest Harley logo is stamped into the thick rubber mat that protects the truck's cargo box's load floor. Harley-Davidson is again branded on the rubber footpads atop the tubular chrome step bars. Placing a blacked-out backer behind the steps provides a cleaner more integrated look.

A close look at the center caps of the 20-inch, bright-polished, forged-aluminum wheels reveals an outlined Harley logo. These wheels feature five wide spokes, locking chrome lug nuts and dimples around the rim.



FORD'S 2005 HARLEY-DAVIDSON F-Series Super Duty pickup is big, bold and in your face.

This dimpled effect also is highlighted on the bullet-style chrome exhaust tip. This welded-on exhaust outlet — sized like a small coffee can — as well as chrome too hooks up front, show off the designers' attention to detail.

On a grander scale, the giant grille opening on the Super Duty's blunt nose is filled with a custom black-and-chrome billet-like treatment. Headlamps also are blacked out, adding to the truck's menacing look.

This bad-boy theme is carried inside the cab with black leather seats punctuated at the tops with Harley-Davidson Bar & Shield logos. Giving the owner a feel of exclusivity, an ID plate is attached to the center console storage compartment lid. Along with the Harley logo, it displays the vehicle's production year, VIN and serial numbers.

Gauges are round and retro-style with chrome bezels and a silver face texture similar to, but more refined than, hammered metal. "Harley-Davidson" is scripted in red at the bottom of the speedometer and red pointers move along old-style black serial numbers.

Actually getting a count of the number of Harley logos within the cab would be a tedious process. Zooming in on the carbon-fiber-look trim applied to the instrument panel and door inserts reveals a pattern made up of tiny Harley Bar & Shield logos.

Evoking visions of a powerful Harley V-twin cruiser's footboard, designers gave accelerator and brake pedals a striped chrome-and-black appearance. Stomping the gas pedal awakens either a monster 6.0-liter diesel or a 6.8-liter Triton V10 engine.

So, the powerful Super Duty doesn't need Harley enhancements to make it a credible tough truck. The flames, however, effectively distinguish it from most other big pickups.

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Automotive lighting 101: Maintaining and upgrading headlights

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Maintaining and upgrading vehicle headlights is more than just a good idea. It can be an inexpensive way to help keep you, your family and others safe.

The National Safety Council reports that traffic deaths are three times more likely to occur at night than during the day. In addition, the University of Michigan

Transportation Research Institute released a study showing that approximately 2,300 pedestrians are killed in the U.S. annually because of drivers' inability to see at night.

You can keep your headlights in good working order by following these easy tips:

- **Two at a time:** Replace your headlights in pairs about once a

year. It is a little known fact that halogen headlights don't just burn out; they dim over time. Replacing them in pairs helps avoid uneven illumination, which can diminish driving visibility.

- **Bright idea:** Don't wait for your headlights to dim; upgrade your headlights. University research has shown that whiter halogen headlights, such as Syl-

vania SilverStar, provide drivers with better roadside viewing, improved reaction time and increased visibility.

- **Quick clean:** Give your headlights a quick scrub when washing your windshield at the gas station. This small task helps prevent glare, which can be intensified by dust and dirt on the glass.

- **Make Adjustments:** Ask your auto service person to check your headlight alignment. Headlights can be knocked out of alignment by rough driving, creating a distraction for other drivers.
- **Quick check:** Periodically ask a friend to walk around the outside of your car while you turn on the headlights, brake lights and turn signals to confirm they're

in good working order.

Remember, your lights are the only way you have to communicate with other drivers. For more information on headlight upgrades and to choose the right headlights to fit your car, visit www.sylvania.com.

Upgrading headlights with a pair of whiter, brighter halogen lights can help make driving safer.

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

enjoying an 81-56 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit ragged against El Cerrito on Jan. 17. The Gauchos, on the other hand, had a "bounce" Enigma 60-33 on Tuesday, shutting out the Jets 18-0 in the first quarter.

"Personally, I think the Gauchos were a bit out of sync in the first quarter," said El Cerrito coach Ron Williams.

With Calamari firing pointers in the first half, the Hornets had a 39-07 lead at the half. Alameda's Luca Galindo fired in eight of her 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers.

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ter Nicole Catania stole the ball from Analiese McGraw under Alameda basket and The Gauchos

simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough to challenge her. When she got the ball, she was open. She had the time to plant, set and shoot.

"It was a bad job of coaching," El Cerrito coach Ron Williams said. "That's it. I'm serious. Our substitution patterns were wrong and didn't work. Those first few moments of the third quarter did not help either."

And when Calamari couldn't do it, she had more than enough help. Catania scored six of her 10 points in the third quarter and Christina Perricone had all eight of her points in the second half.

Kuman Wilts had 12 points, including six in the first quarter when the two teams battled to a 19-19 tie.

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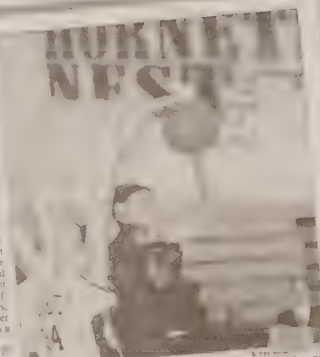
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EL CERRITO HIGH'S Analiese McGraw, right, gets a rebound over Alameda's Shahida Gissom-Raid in their ACCAL game.

BSAL NOTEBOOK

Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain

J.V. Sports

The Salesian High School

basketball team had two days

to prepare for a game against

the Gauchos, but the game was

canceled due to a scheduling

conflict. The team will now

focus on their upcoming

game against the Gauchos.

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SPORTS

Friday, February 21, 2003

Section C

J-V

Alameda triples its pleasure

It latched onto the
3-pointer to victory.
It Crouched in an NCAA
matchup

By Scott Brabin
The Alameda State basketball team won its first NCAA Division II game in 19 years, defeating the University of Northern Iowa 71-65 in the first round of the tournament. The team's victory was a surprise, as the team had never won an NCAA game before.

ACCAL notebook

Oilers set
for NCS
opener

After a brief hiatus, the Alameda State basketball team will return to action in the Northern California Community College basketball tournament. The team will play its first game on Friday, February 22, against the University of Northern Iowa.

PRELUDE BASKETBALL

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REAL NOTEBOOK

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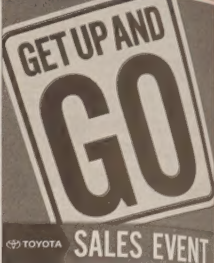
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